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THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

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SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE :

Captain.	Tons.	H.P.	May.	
MIRZAFORE	A. Parish	3763	600	10th—Southampton.
BARODA	W. Fentiman	1874	400	17th—Suez, &c.
KHIVA	C. G. Perrins	2909	450	24th—Southampton.
GEELONG	C. Fraser	1584	350	31st—Suez, &c.
			June.	
GWALIOR	N. W. Haswood	3725	450	4th—Southampton.
BOKHARA	W. D. Anderson	2932	450	11th—Suez, &c.
LOMBARDY	E. M. Gilson	2723	450	18th—Southampton.
KASHGAR	G. J. Babot	2809	450	25th—Suez, &c.
			July.	
HINDOSTAN	N. Roskell	3113	600	2nd—Southampton.

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct ; but by the alternate steamers Passengers change vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Brindisi, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Masagon, on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Masagon at 3 P.M. precisely on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 3rd May 1875.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 17th May 1875, at 5 P.M., from Masagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. NIZAM, (2,725 tons, and 450 H.P.), Captain A. E. Barlow, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 15th May 1875.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 3rd May 1875.

STEAM BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL. VIA SUEZ CANAL.

TO LEAVE ABOUT THE 9TH OF MAY.

THE fine new full-powered S. S. KING ARTHUR, Lieutenant Johnston, R.N., Commander, will leave Bombay as above FARE TO LIVERPOOL, Rs. 500.

This vessel has excellent Saloon accommodation on deck for a limited number of 1st Class Passengers, and will carry a Doctor and a Stewardess. For passage, &c., apply to

KING, KING & Co.,
4, Church Lane.

WILSON LINE.

LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.
TO LEAVE 7TH MAY POSITIVELY.

THE fast and magnificent S. S. "NAVARINO,"

S. H. BUTLER, Commander, 3,350 tons, 450 H.P., with every requisite for the Indian trade, with special reference to the convenience and comfort of passengers. She has very superior accommodation on the Saloon and Main Deck for 1st Class passengers, and is fitted with every requisite. She carries a Surgeon and Stewardess, and has a good Milch Cow on board.

The "NAVARINO" made the passage out in 27 days, including all stoppages.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Steerage.
To Liverpool	Rs. 500	Rs. 300	Rs. 200
To Suez	350	200	„
To Malta	400	300	„

exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board. For passage and further particulars apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM & Co., Passenger Agents.
W. NICOL & Co., Consignees.

Bombay, 27th April 1875.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

LINE OF STEAMERS
BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, VIA SUEZ CANAL,

The regular Steamers leave TRIESTE on the 1st and BOMBAY on the 5th of every month.

THE following or other First-class Steamers will be despatched from BOMBAY to TRIESTE :—

	Tons.	H.P.	
Passenger Steamer POLLUCE	2,700,	250,	on 5th May 1875.
Cargo Steamer DIDO	1,300,	120,	on 5th May 1875.
Do. do. ARETUSA	2,500,	120,	about 5th June 1875.
Do. do. CALIPSO	2,000,	220,	about 5th July 1875.
Passenger do. CASTORE	2,700,	250,	about 5th Aug. 1875.

The Passenger Steamers have excellent First and Second-class accommodation. The DIDO and ARETUSA have no room for Passengers. The CALIPSO can accommodate 30 Cabin Passengers at £40 to Trieste.

Rates of Passage Money by Passenger Steamers (exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board at moderate prices) :—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Trieste	£45 0	£35 0	£19-0
To Port Said	£33 6	£22 0	£14-6
To Syra	£32 6	£22 0	£17-0
To Aden	£19 4	£16 0	£ 7-7

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Agent.

28, Bombay Green, 28th April 1875.

SURAT AND GOGO FERRY.

STEAM FERRY (under Contract with Government).—A STEAM FERRY BOAT plies every alternate day between SURAT and GOGO and *vice versa*, Sundays excepted.

1st Class	Rs. 3 0	3rd Class	Rs. 1 8
2nd „	„ 3 0	Horses & Carriages	„ 4 0

HORSEKEEPERS charged Third Class fare.

CHILDREN under seven years half fare, and under 2 years free.

PERSONAL LUGGAGE.—First Class 112 lbs., Second Class 56 lbs., and Third Class 28 lbs. free.

EXTRA LUGGAGE.—For each 10 lbs. or part of 10 lbs., one anna.

The Steamer leaves Surat every TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY.

The Steamer leaving Surat on SATURDAY proceeds to Bhownuggur, and leaves that port for Surat on MONDAY morning.

Further particulars can be learnt on application to the undermentioned Agents :—

Ms. HOOSEIN MAHOMED, Gogo.
„ SYED COOTBOODEEN, Surat.

Or to the Undersigned at Bombay

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street

HARBOUR STEAM FERRIES.

STEAM FERRIES (under Contract with Government).—STEAM FERRY BOATS ply daily across the Harbour, calling at the undermentioned Bunders :—

Fares from Bombay to	Ouvra.	Hog Island.	Colwa.	Sewree or Kanja.	Dhurumtur.
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
1st Class	2 0	2 0	3 0	2 0	3 0
2nd Class	0 8	0 12	0 12	0 12	1 0
3rd Class	0 4	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 8
Horses & Carriages	3 0	4 0	4 0	5 0	5 0

HORSEKEEPERS charged Third Class fare. Previous notice must be given of intention to send Horses and Carriages, which must be at the Carnac Bunder at 5 P.M., the previous day for shipment.

CHILDREN under seven years half fare, under 2 years free.

PERSONAL LUGGAGE.—First Class 112 lbs., Second Class 56 lbs., and Third Class 28 lbs. free.

EXTRA LUGGAGE.—For each 10 lbs. or part of 10 lbs., one anna.

The Colwa Ferry Boat leaves Bombay, Carnac Bunder, at 7 A.M. daily, and returning leaves Colwa at 10 A.M.

The Dhurumtur Ferry Boat leaves Bombay, Carnac Bunder, at 12 noon daily, and returning leaves Dhurumtur at 3 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerks previous to their proceeding on Board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street.

STEAMER TO DASGAUM.

NOTICE.—A Steamer PLIES ALTERNATE DAYS, from BOMBAY to DASGAUM, calling each way at Alibag, Rewadunda, Jinjira, Sreewerdun and Bankot.

The Steam er leaves Bombay every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY from the Carnac Bunder at 6-30 A.M., arriving at Dasgaum about 5 P.M.

Returning the Steamer leaves Dasgaum every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 5-30 A.M., arriving at Bombay, Carnac Bunder, about 5 P.M.

Fares from Bombay to	Alibag.	Rewadunda	Jinjira.	Sreewerdun.	Bankot.	Dasgaum.
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
First Class	2 12	3 8	5 8	7 4	8 4	11 0
Second Class	1 2	1 8	2 4	3 0	3 6	4 8
Third Class	0 8	0 10	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 4
Horses or Carriages	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	6 0	8 0

CHILDREN under seven years half fare, under 2 years free.

HORSES are carried at the risk of the owner ; and 2 days' previous notice must be given of intention to send horses and carriages, which must be at the Carnac Bunder at 5 P.M. the previous day for shipment. Horse-keepers are charged Third Class fare.

PERSONAL LUGGAGE.—First Class 112 lbs., Second Class 56 lbs. and Third Class 28 lbs. free.

EXTRA LUGGAGE.—For each 10 lbs. or part of 10 lbs. one anna. Luggage in excess of 5 cwts. charged 4 annas per cwt.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerks previous to their proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

33, Meadow Street, 1875.

N.B.—Passengers are recommended to provide themselves with refreshments, nothing being obtainable on board.

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

THE ACT of PARLIAMENT constituting the HIGH COURT of BOMBAY, with the Letters Patent and other Documents relating to the same. Price RUPEES THREE.

SALES BY AUCTION.

SADANUND SHRICRISTNAJEE AND CO.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY TUESDAY, the 4th instant, Messrs. S. SHRECRISTNAJEE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Auction Room, the following Goods :—

10 Balee Grey Shirting, 6 and 7 lbs
10 ditto ditto T Cloth, 6 lbs
5 ditto ditto Jaconets
3 Cases Colored Chintz
2 ditto White Dhuties
2 ditto White Sarries
1 ditto Madras Handkerchiefs
2 ditto Cold Muslin.

S. SHRICRISTNAJEE & Co.

Bombay, 4th May 1875.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 4, FORBES STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable and Handsome French Polished Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, a Handsome English-built Miniature Office Brougham by Thorn, a Serviceable Grey Brougham Horse, &c., at Malabar Hill.

On THURSDAY, the 13th instant, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction at his Residence, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, Brougham, Horse, &c., the property of N. Randle, Esq.

Full particulars will be given hereafter.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view, 4 days before the day of sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 4th May 1875.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & CO.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Landed Properties at Oondria Street and at Noora Tank Street.

On WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M., Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the Mortgagee Thacker Jumnadass Trompey, and on account and risk of the Mortgagor Kessowjee Wagjiee, the following Landed Properties.

Firstly.—All that piece or parcel of Government ground, with the message, tenement, or dwelling-house, standing thereon, situate without the Town Walls in Oondria Street, in the subdis rict of Masagon, assessed to the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 2420, and 2472, containing by admeasurement 400, and two-ninths square yards or thereabouts ; and bounded as follows, that is to say, on the east by the Oondria Street, called Khandia Street and Noora Tank, on the west by the public passage, on the north by the house of Horah Allewoodin Tumboowa, and on the south by a house of the said Kessowjee Wagjiee.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned at their Auction Room No. 28 Apollo Street.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 4th May 1875.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & CO. 40, MEADOW STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY AT BANDORA.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & Co. will submit to Sale by Auction on the premises on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 12 o'clock at the undermentioned property in one lot, by order of the Mortgagees, and on account and risk of the Mortgagor, Manockjee Sorabjee Ashbarner, under the power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated the first day of July 1874, made and executed by the said Mortgagor to the said Mortgagees.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground situated on the west side of public road called "Carnac Road" in Bandora Mary at Pandora, in the Collectorate of Tannah, and in the Sub-district of Salsette, District Tannah, Survey Number 325, in the district of Tannah, Registrar admeasuring about 6,000 square yards, little more or less, and the messuages, tenements, or two bungalows standing thereon, and which said piece or parcel of land or ground is bounded as follows :—That is to say, on or towards the east by the garden of Nowrojee Ardeshir Davar, on or towards the west by public road, on or towards the north by the garden of the said Nowrojee Ardeshir Davar, and on or towards the south by the property belonging to Mr. Henry Stephens, formerly in the occupation of Mr. Spencer, and afterwards in that of C. Griffiths, Esq., a merchant of Bombay, and now unoccupied.

Particulars and conditions of sale may be inspected at the Office of Messrs. Nusserwanjee and Shadhkoor, Fort Lane, Bombay, at the office of the Auctioneers or at the premises on the day of the sale.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & Co.

Bombay, 4th May 1875.

NOTICE.—The OFFICE of the LAND MORTGAGE BANK is REMOVED to No. 6, Elphinstone Circle, next the Cathedral.

C. TYE, Manager.

Bombay, 28th April 1875.

FAVRE LEUBA & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED, in variety, a new SUPPLY of their most POPULAR SILVER LEVER WATCHES ..... Rs. 50
And Silver Keyless Lever Watches ..... „ 80

A two years' GUARANTEE is attached to each of the above Watches, and as they have been manufactured expressly for this climate, the greatest possible care has been given to their finish. A Gold Medal was awarded at the Broach Exhibition for the excellence of the Rs. 50 Watch, and as the Rs. 80 Watches are made on exactly the same principle with the addition of the "Keyless Mechanism" they can be as highly recommended.

Messrs. F. L. and Co. also beg to draw the attention of the public to their NEW PATENT

LAMP CLOCKS,

standing or hanging, in fancy gilt pedestals. The soft light emitted by the Lamp attached to these Clocks, make them an indispensable article in a sick room, while the attracting appearance, combined with their utility as Clocks, make them a graceful ornament in drawing rooms.

Price—Standing	Rs. 30-0
„ Ditto with Alarm	„ 40-0
„ Hanging	„ 30, Rs. 65 and Rs. 80.

ONE YEAR'S GUARANTEE IS ATTACHED.

NO. 3, HORNBY ROW,
OPPOSITE POST OFFICE.

AUSTRALIAN WINES.

THE Undersigned have received a Consignment of the following first-class WINES from the "St. Hubert's" Vineyard.

HERMITAGE (Red)	Quarts Rs. 16 ; Pints Rs. 9 per doz.
CHASSELAS (White)	GRINDLAY, GROOM & Co.

Bombay, 30th April 1875.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

THE PATENT

VERMIN ASPHYXIATOR, DISINFECTOR, VAPORIZOR, AND UNIVERSAL FUMIGATOR.

FOR DESTROYING	*FOR DISINFECTING*
RATS, SNAKES, REPTILES, INSECTS, &c., &c.	HOSPITALS, VESSELS, DRAINS, ROOMS, BEDDING CLOTHES, &c.

For PREVENTING CATTLE PLAGUE, PLEURO-PNEUMONIA, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASES, &c.

For VAPORIZING—CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS.

For FUMIGATING—VINES AND GREENHOUSE PLANTS, &c.

PRICE—Rs. 40.

MANUFACTURERS :

JOHN WATTS & Co., 6, Broad Weir, Bristol.

AGENT IN BOMBAY :

THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE" OFFICE.

A pamphlet giving a full description of the Machine can be had on application at the "Bombay Gazette" Office.

☞ SIX OF THESE USEFUL MACHINES HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR USE IN CALCUTTA.

THE "TERAI" HAT,

For Ladies and Gentlemen. A soft double Hat for warm climates. Can be folded and closely packed without damage. Especially adapted for travelling purposes.

ANDRE AND CO., HATTERS,

127, NEW BOND STREET, LONDON,

Direct the attention of Ladies and Gentlemen to their New "TERAI HAT," now much worn in all the northern provinces of India, and highly recommended. FORWARDED RETAIL POST FREE TO ANY PART OF INDIA, PRICE 23s. 6d. THIS DOUBLE HAT.

Sir,—I am happy to be able to speak in the highest terms of your "Terai Hat," for EASE, COMFORT, CONVENIENCE OF PACKING, AND DURABILITY. Although the Hat is hardly a sufficient protection for the head in the extreme heat of the Plains of India, YET FOR ALL WORK IN THE HILLS AT ALL SEASONS, FOR JOURNEYS, AND FOR GENERAL WEAR IN THE COOLER WEATHER IN THE PLAINS, it is admirably adapted. The late Earl of Mayo constantly wore your "Terai Hat," which was recommended to him by Colonel Ramsay.

I remain, yours faithfully,
O. T. BURNE,
Late Secretary to His Excellency the late Earl of Mayo.

16th July, 1873.

Gentlemen,—I have found your Terai Hat a first-rate Hat. I never wear anything else when in the district. It is a wonderful protection from the sun, and is, in my opinion, not ONLY FITTED FOR THE COOL SLOPES OF THE HIMALAYAS, BUT FOR THE SEVERE HEAT OF THE PLAINS OF INDIA. I wear it in May, at Poona, the hottest season of the year, and find it preferable to the ordinary felt Helmet. The Lady's HAT IS PRONOUNCED TO BE PERFECTION AS A RIDING HAT.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,
AYRTON FULLAN, Captain,
Deputy-Supt. G. T. Survey of India.

4th June, 1874.

ANDRE'S NEW PATENT PITH AND FELT SOLAR HATS,

Known as Beake's Patent; WELL VENTILATED, SUN AND WATERPROOF.

These new Hats are remarkable for their superiority in respect of quality, finish, lightness and comfort, are made in various shapes for Ladies and Gentlemen, and are likely to supersede the plain felt Air Chamber Hat hitherto worn.

TRADE ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

THE FOLLOWING

IS AN

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER,

Dated 15th May, 1872, from an old inhabitant of Horningsham, near Warminster, Wiltshire :—

"I must also beg to say that your Pills are an excellent medicine for me, and I certainly do enjoy good health, sound sleep and a good appetite ; this is owing to taking your Pills. I am 78 years old.

"Remaining Gentlemen, yours very respectfully,
L. S."

To the Proprietors of
HORTON'S CAMOMILLE PILLS, London.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BE LET, the well known PREMISES in Rampart Row, now in the occupation of the Bombay Club. For particulars apply to

P. BYRAMJEE,
House Agent.

28, Meadow Street.

TO BE LET, with immediate possession, a comfortable newly-built HOUSE in Middle Colaba, with three Bed-rooms, a Drawing-room, Dining-room and a spacious Verandah, all facing the sea on the west side. Drawing-room and Verandah oil-painted, water laid on. The house is matted throughout and commands a charming view of Malabar Hill. For Rent and other particulars, apply to

P. BYRAMJEE,
House Agent.

28, Meadow Street.

FORT PRESS COMPANY, Limited.—The ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, appointed to be held on TUESDAY, the 20th of April last, and adjourned that day, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, on THURSDAY next, the 6th of May, at 3 o'clock P.M.

By Order of the Directors,
EWART, LATHAM & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Church Lane, May 3rd, 1875.

NOTICE.—It is hereby notified, that the Undersigned did, on the 1st instant, PAY to HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY in Bombay, the SUM of RUPEES 16,000, being the SEVENTIETH MONTHLY INSTALMENT of the first FIFTEEN LAC LOAN, with interest ; the SUM of RUPEES 14,600, being the SEVENTIETH MONTHLY INSTALMENT of the VEHAR WATER WORKS' DEBT ; and also RUPEES 9,840, being the THIRTY-EIGHTH INSTALMENT on account of the NEW LOAN of RUPEES 15 Lacs, and also RUPEES 2,624, being the FOURTH INSTALMENT, on account of the TULSI LOAN of 4 LACS, aggregating RUPEES 43,064.

W. G. PEDDER,
Municipal Commissioner.

Municipal Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 1st May 1875.

THE ACBAR COTTON PRESS COMPANY, Limited.—NOTICE.—The ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of May 1875, at 1 P.M., at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 26, Shamajee Hassajee Street, to transact the following business :—

I. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 1874.

II. To declare a Dividend.

III. To elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation but who are eligible for re-election.

IV. To appoint an Auditor or Auditors for the Current year and to fix his or their remuneration.

V. To transact any other business that may be laid before the meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to 17th Instant, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
RAHIMBHOY ALLADINBHOY,
Secretary and Treasurer.

No. 26, Shamajee Hassajee Street, Bombay, 3rd May 1875.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction. In the matter of the Indian Companies' Act X of 1866, and of the Calcutta Press Company in Liquidation.

Upon hearing Messieurs FLETCHER and SMITH, the Attorneys to the Liquidator of the abovenamed Company, and upon reading the affidavit of DYALRUTTONSEY, solemnly affirmed on the thirtieth day of April last, and hereunto annexed ; I do order that the said Dyal Ruttonsey as the Liquidator of the abovenamed Company be at liberty to pay into the hands of the Accountant General of this Honourable Court to the credit of "The Calcutta Press Company in Liquidation" unclaimed distributions account, " the sum of Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine and Annas 4 and 7 paid to the said Dyal Ruttonsey as such Liquidator, and further that this order be advertised in the *Bombay Government Gazette*, the *Bombay Gazette* and the *Bombay Samachar*.—Dated the 1st day of May 1875.

J. P. GREEN.

FLETCHER & SMITH, Attorneys for the Liquidator.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION for ONE or TWO GENTLEMEN, or a married COUPLE. Two minutes from the Grant Road Station. Apply Q., *Bombay Gazette.*

A BACHELOR can have very comfortable ACCOMMODATION (TWO ROOMS) with a FAMILY in Middle Colaba. Apply to X., *Gazette.*

NOTICES.

HAMILTON & CO.,

JEWELLERS,

Rampart Row, Bombay.

CASH PRICES.

	Rs.	Rs.
Bracelets, all Gold, stiff or flexible bands, and for Portraits	60 to	250
„ elegant, enamelled and set with Cor-l, Pearls, Turquoise, &c.	70 to	200
„ handsome, for evening wear, enamelled in colours, and set with Diamonds, Rubies, Emeralds, &c.	200 to	1,200
„ of Hair, neatly mounted in Gold	20 to	70
„ Silver-mounted, Pebble, and Malachite	10 to	45
Brooches, plain Gold, for morning wear	25 to	110
„ for Dress, enamelled, and set with stones more or less valuable	40 to	1,000
„ for Miniatures, revolving (also with camera), on sand	40 to	110
„ exquisitely carved Onyx and Shel Cameos	50 to	180
„ of designs, for Archery and Croquet Prizes	50 to	100
„ Mourning, black, enamelled, with appropriate emblems	40 to	80

INSPECTION RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED.

HAMILTON & CO.

THE LIVERPOOL SILICATE PAINT COMPANY'S PAINTS AND GRIFFITHS' PATENT ENAMEL PAINTS, ALL COLORS ALWAYS IN STOCK.

F. HARLEY & Co.,
Agents for India, Calcutta.

HORSE REPOSITORY AND VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT WITH SHOEING, NO. 2, BELLASIS ROAD, BYCULLA.

ROWLAND AND CO., SADDLERY AND HARNESS ESTABLISHMENT, 19, MEADOW STREET AND RAMPART ROW, BOMBAY.

Every description of SADDLES, BRIDLES, HARNESS HORSE CLOTHING, SADDLE CLOTHS, HUNTING, RIDING and DRIVING WHIPS, always on hand.

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2	Do.	do. 1,600 „	40	Do.	do. 48 „
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NOTICES.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY EVENING, 3RD MAY, 1875.

SATURDAY'S receipts of Cotton at the American ports were only 2,000 bales against 4,000 last year, and 8,000 bales on the corresponding date in 1873, and futures in New York were 1/16d. per lb. higher; but this has had no effect on the Liverpool Cotton Market which this morning again opened quiet but unchanged, probable sales 10,000, imports 40,000 bales.

Reuter, in the closing message of Saturday for the first time, gives the total visible supply on the 1st of the month and as such figures are always interesting, it is to be hoped they will be kept up weekly. They differ from our usual weekly summary inasmuch as they include Cotton in, and afloat, for the Continental Ports and Stocks in America. We give the comparison with the corresponding date last year and the 1st of April as follows:—

	1st May 1875	1st April 1875	1st May 1874
Total visible supply of all descriptions	2,780,000	2,893,520	2,783,416
" " Bales.	840,000	668,619	1,025,320

Consols are not quoted in this morning's opening message. French Rentes are at 102½, a decline of ⅛. Bar Silver is still given at 57d. per oz.

The Bank of Bombay's return for the week ending Saturday, the 1st instant, shows the following alterations:—

Government Treasury Balance at H.O.	Dec. Rs	34,98,803
Do. do. Branches	Inc. "	3,42,868
Deposits	Inc. "	11,30,229
Government Securities	Inc. "	1,21,008
Loans	Dec. "	21,93,181
Bills Discounted	Dec. "	5,58,379
Cash with correspondents	Inc. "	3,37,876
Cash and Currency Notes	Inc. "	2,66,201

These changes show a marked improvement in the position of the Bank and may be accepted as the first decided symptom of returning ease. The alterations are to a great extent due probably to the Council drafts received by last mail, the large decrease in Loans and increase in Deposits being most likely the direct result. The reduction in Bills discounted however may be put down to a falling off in up country Cotton drafts which may now be expected to contract very rapidly. But the most assuring feature in the returns is the state of the Government Balance, which, taking the Head Office and Branches together, only shows a reduction of 3½ lacs, and as the whole 50 lacs of Council drafts have probably come forward and been met, this really means that Government have paid in a further sum of 18½ lacs during the week. The probability of Government requiring to borrow from the Bank to meet further Council drafts, becomes therefore more remote than ever, and as the fear of this has been the most unfavorable feature in the Money Market for some time back, we may look for a rapid return of confidence. Ordinary trade requirements throughout have been no source of uneasiness, and the next batch of Council drafts will probably render the position of the Exchange Banks extremely easy.

STERLING EXCHANGE to-day has again shown increased weakness. The Banks have been most unwilling sellers and in most instances have been chary about naming any drawing rates for large amounts, while they have been willing buyers of private bills at a further decline of 1-32d. per rupee. We quote:—

	per rupee
Bank Bills on demand	ls. 10 1/16d to 3/32d.
Do 6 months' sight...	ls. 10⅜ to 17/32d. "
Credits 3 months' sight...	ls. 10⅝. "
Documents 3 months' sight...	ls. 10 17/32d. "

On Calcutta we have not heard of any business and rates therefore are nominally unchanged but there are few sellers. GOVERNMENT PAPER is firm with a hardening tendency, and it would be difficult to buy at ¼ over Saturday's nominal figures. There has been very little doing in SHARES but the feeling is pretty steady. Bank of Bombays are firm at Rs. 722½ and Bombay Burmah Trading at Rs. 1,600. For Spinning and Weaving Scrip the inquiry is slow, and in some instances, values are slightly easier. With the exception of an advance of Rs. 5 in Port Cannings, Land Shares are unaltered.

COTTON continues very dull, and with more liberal arrivals, we might look for decidedly lower prices. In the uncertainty about getting their Cotton forward, sellers are indisposed to contract ahead, but for anything on the spot a disposition is shown to accept current rates which are again the turn easier. Saturday's receipts were only 5,098 bales, but to-morrow's figures will probably be larger, a fair quantity having come in yesterday and to-day both by boat and rail.

FREIGHTS are very dull specially by steamer, £1-7-6 being the current quotation to-day. By sail rates are also quiet at £1-15, for wood and £1-17-6 by iron ships, but consignees do not seem disposed to break the rates, a better enquiry being looked for in the course of another week or so.

PIECE GOODS show no actual alteration. Transactions to-day have been most limited and quotations purely nominal.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value each.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.		Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	p. s.			
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	94
24,000	1,000	all	7½ p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,410
30,000	500	all	8p. ct.	Do of Bombay New	722½
5,355	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,193
80,000	250	all	4 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk of I. L. & China	300
40,000	261¼	all	Nil.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	275
40,000	100	all	5 pct.	Chartered Bank of India & China	175
40,000	250	1	5 p.ct.	National Bank of India	107
60,000	250	all	15 do.	Oriental Bank	500

PRESS COMPANIES.

156	5,000	2,350	100 p.c.	Akbar Cotton Press Co	1,625
200	2 000	1,100	50 " do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	690
100	500	all	15 p.ct.	Albert Ginning Co	660
1,000	1,000	200.00	...	Alfred Mills Co	1,100
150	12,000	11,000	200 p.c.	Apollo Press Co	3,300
175	1,000	all	...	Bellary	605
125	500	all	60 p.c.	Berar Company (New)	585
200	5,000	all	200 p.c.	Bombay Press Co	1,325
200	500	all	60 p.c.	Do New	360
1,000	250	all	64 p.c.	Broach Cotton Co	140
400	1,500	all	37½ p.c.	Carwar Company	550
320	250	all	...	Coconada Press Co	130
600	1,200	all	175 p.c.	Colaba Press Co	2,300
800	500	all	Nil.	Dhollera P. & G. Co	200
852	1,000	all	...	East India Press Co	1,140
150	2,500	all	200	Fort Press Co	2,900
200	2,000	2,000	15 p.c.	Framji Cowasji Press Co	3 0
200	500	all	100 p.c.	French Press Co	450
1150	...	1,400	100 p.c.	Imperial Press Co	600
1225	400	320	60 p.c.	Mofussil Press & Co	435
600	2,000	5000	...	Nicol Press Manuf Co	1,500
120	...	1,500	250 p.c.	Princeof Wales Press	900
200	500	all	100 p.c.	Samoon Press Co	540
600	500	250	135 p.c.	Scinde Press Co	420
101	1,000	775	...	Scindeand Punjab Cotton Press Co., Limited	800
150	250	all	12½ p.ct.	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co	1,000
6400	1,000	...	100 p.c.	Vulkart's nited Press Co	900

For share for the half year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	21½	5 p.ct.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	244
...	£20	10¾ 14 6	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	126
...	£20	6 7 3	do.	Ditto	72
...	£20	2 12 1	do.	Ditto	22
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co	1,100
...	£18	18 6 15	do.	Do. New £18 Shares	220

LAND COMPANIES.

5,000	5,000	all	60	Colaba Land Co	1,240
7,500	150	all	...	Freeland Pier Co. Ld.	105
1,750	2,000	2,000	10 p.c.	Mazagon Land	850
6,000	1,400	all	15 p.c.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	245

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

...	1,250	all	100	Alexandra Spinning	1,350
800	5,500	all	200	Alliance Spinning	5,875
300	2,000	500	...	Shownugur M. & P. Co	1,700
900	1,000	all	100	Bombay United	1,085
2400	150	150	10 p.c.	Bronch Mills	196
700	1,000	750	...	Colaba Spinning	800
2,400	2,000	all	100 p.c.	Dhurumsey Spinning	1,310
1,500	1,250	all	100 p.c.	Fleming S. & W. Co	1,010
1,800	1,000	all	100 p.c.	Great Eastern	1,125
700	1,000	all	...	Hindustan S. & W. Co	1,025
750	1,000	all	100 p.c.	Jeevraj Jadoo Mills	1,075
.....	...	800	...	Khandesh Spinning	1,125
800	1,250	all	Nil	Madras Spinning	950
.....	...	500	...	Madras U. Spinning	980
2,500	1,000	all	70	Manockji Petit's	1,135
2,250	1,000	all	100 p.c.	Morarjee Spinning	1,125 ex d.
4,000	616	all	65	Oriental	705
600	1,250	250	...	Prince of Wales Spinning	650
110	1,000	1,000	200 p.c.	Sonerdas Spinning	1,100
600	1,000	250	31½ p.c.	Do. for 1/4 share	270

* For share for the half year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1,000	12,500	1,56	240 p.c.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,600
1,000	50	all	150 p.ct.	Bombay Gas Company	65
800	500	500	27 p.c.	Landing and Shipping Co. of Kurrachee Ld.	120
2,250	200	160	8 p.c.	Malabar Company Ld.	100
4,000	50	all	4 p. c.	Mechanics' Build'g Co.	15
1,000	500	all	5 p. c.	Preacher & Co	250
1,000	250	all	40 pc.	Viegas Patent Slip Co	40

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date L'dation.		
.....	20	1862	...	Bank of China
.....	...	...	...	Bas India Bank

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE BRITISH SHIP CANUTE, 1,391 tons, Commander T. Appleby, will sail to-day in ballast, for Callao.

THE BRITISH SHIP AFRICANA, 1,557 tons, Commander T. Jardain, will sail to-day for New York with a general cargo.

THE BRITISH SHIP HISTORIAN, 1,201 tons, Commander W. Wallace, will sail to-day for Liverpool via the Suez Canal, with a general cargo.

THE BRITISH SHIP OCTAVIA, 916 tons, Commander J. Twaits, will sail to-day for Havre with a cargo of 6,100 bales cotton and 270 cwts linseed.

THE BRITISH SHIP WATER WITCH, 1,046 tons, Nacoda, will sail to-day for Mauritius and Zanzibar, with a general cargo and sixty deck passengers

THE BRITISH S.S. GOOD HOPE, 1,018 tons, Commander R. Bainton, arrived in harbour on the 2nd inst. from Aden (16th April) via Shair, with a general cargo and fifty-two deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's S.S. KURRACHEE, 346 tons, Commander R. J. Scott, sailed yesterday for Kurrachee via Kaityawar Coast with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Governor Carvalho, Mr Carvalho, and two hundred and twenty-six deck passengers.

THE BRITISH S.S. ARTHUR, 804 tons, Commander C. Mitchell, arrived in harbour on the 2nd inst. from Glasgow (8th March,) via Aden, with a cargo of 1,350 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Nusserwanjee Maneckjee and Co.

THE BRITISH S.S. CALEDONIA, 1,595 tons, Commander R. Sidey, sailed yesterday for Liverpool with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Paterson and three children, Capt and Mrs Fisher and three children, Mrs Duncan, Mr Hill, Mrs Spence, Mr Anderson and Mr Lossier.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's S.S. SOCOTRA, 1,240 tons, Commander W. Lennott arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Calcutta (8th April,) with a general cargo and the following passengers,—Dr. Andrew, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Walker, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Grattan Geary, Lieut. Reynolds and twenty-two deck passengers.

THE P. AND O. Co's. S.S. ZAMBESI, 1,540 tons, Commander G. F. C. Cates, sailed yesterday for China with H. M's Mails, a cargo of 1,760½ tons coals, 889 bales cotton 14½ E. teeth and Sundries. She carried the following passengers:—For Hongkong—Rev. Mr. S. Douglas, Mr. M. E. Sassoon, Mr. Reuben. For Singapore—Mr. E. N. Smith.

THE B I S N Co's S.S. PUNJAUB, 685 tons, Commander G F C Stevenson, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with H. M's Mails, general cargo and the following passengers.—From Lingah.—Mr. R Channon, of H M's Philomel. From Kurrachee.—Col Hailes, Major and Mrs Fisher and three children, Mr Wiseman, Conductor and Mrs Hisley and three children, and 71 deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
1	Woodburn (s)	Stockdale	Shields, May 23.
2	Good Hope (s)	Bainton	Aden, Apr 16.
"	Arthur (s)	Mitchell	Glasgow, Apr 8.
"	Punjaub (s)	Stevenson	Bussorah, Apr 15.
"	Socotra (s)	Lennott	Calcutta, Apr 8.

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
3	Zambesi (s)	Cates	China, &c.
	Avoca (s)	Turbock	Aden & Suez.
	Kurrachee (s)	Scott	Kurrachee via K.Coast
	Celestial Empire	Key	Havre.
	Walmer Castle	Bonsey	Havre.
	Caledonia (s)	Sidey	Liverpool via the Canal.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—
Ship Octavia, Twaits, for Havre
Ship Canute, Appleby, for Callao.
Ship Water Witch, Nacoda, for Mauritius & Zanzibar.
Ship Africana, Jardain, for New York.
Steamer Historian, Wallace, for Liverpool via the Canal.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Good Hope, for Liverpool via Carwar.
Steamer Baroda, for Aden & Suez.

DAILY IMPORTS.—MAY 3.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Chersonese, 100 bales cotton, Wallace and Co; 100 bales cotton, Lyon and Co; 100 bales cotton, Killick Nixon and Co.
Benton, 250 bales cotton, The L A and A Co; 70 bales cotton, Lawrence and Co.
Lady Lycett s, 384 cwts wheat, Mackinlay Simpson and Co; 200 cwts linseed, Nathoo Soonderjee
Navarino s, 190 cwts coir yarn, Dewjee Framjee; 500 bales cotton, W and A Graham and Co; 50 bales wool, Jaicha Varia; 50 bales wool, Gullianjee Govindjee; 30 bales wool R Roychund; 36 bales wool, Cursondass Nensey; 30 bales wool, N Natundass; 28 bales wool, Alsen Riebe and Co; 30 bales wool, R Roychund; 87 bales cotton, Narundass Rajaram and Co; 55 bales cotton, Mathooredas Vulubdass, 8 bales cotton; Geoculdass Heerjee and Co.
Langshaw s, 48 bales wool; Volkart Brothers; 90 bales wool, C Lukmidass, 115 bales cotton; Finlay Scott and Co; 50 bales wool, Ieesowjee Toolseedass and Co.
King Arthur s, 200 cwts linseed, Gocks Doongersey; 1500 cwts linseed, W Nicol and Co; 95¼ cwts coir fibres, Verjee Vulubdass.
Historian s, 2 bales wool, Finlay Scott and Co; 100 bales cotton, Nathoo Soonderjee.
Tagus s, 225 cwts horns, Dayal Veerjee; 153 cwts linseed, Govindram Chintamon.
City of Richmond 50 bales cotton, Nusserwanjee Maneckjee & Co; 200 country bones, Gomerbhoy Chandabhoy.
Centurion, 275 bales cotton, Killick Nixon & Co.

FOR LONDON.

Canara s, 3214 cwts linseed, Ralli Brothers; 47 cwts caraway seeds, Mooljeebhoy Gamjee, 1 case books, 250 bags coffee, B I S N Co; 90 Bags coffee, B I S N Company.
Ganges s, 201 cwts coir yarn, Muleey Mcorjee; 1605 cwts linseed, S Tyabjee & Co.
Mirzapore s, 6 cwts ivory, Nansibhoy Allarakhia; 1607 cwts linseed, Ralli Brothers; 217 cwts gall, Aldridge Salmond and Co; 60 bales cotton, Jules Siegfried & Co; 1900 bales cotton, George Lockhart & Co.
Emanuel, 39 bales cotton, George Lockhart & Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Mirzapore s, 250 bales cotton, Ritchie Steuart & Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Excelsior s, 3,3222 cwts teel seed, Finlay Scott & Co.
Akbai s, 750 cwts gingelly seed, Ralli Brothers,
Potamac s, 225 cwts gingelly seed, S Tyabjee & Co; 225 cwts coffee, E S Vinnor & Co.
Baroda s, 414 bags coffee, P & O S N Company.

FOR GENOA.

Baroda s, 10 bales hides, P & O S N Company.

FOR TRIEST.

Baroda s, 42 bags coffee, P & O S N Company
Pollux s, 100 bales cotton, Austrian Trading Company; 100 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 50 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR ANCONA.

Pollux s, 2 bales hides, W Nicol & Co.

FOR BREMENHAVEN,

Richard Rylands, 1100 bales cotton, H Clason & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Zambesi s, 73 cwts ivory, Jairaz Peerbhoy; 84 cwts fishmaws, Gulambhoomji Jumnabhoomji; 22 cwts sharkfins and fishmaws, Currimbhoy Ebram; 275 slabs lead, Currim Nanjee; 75 bales cotton, David Sassoon and Co; 291 chests opium, Currimbhoy Ebram, 84 chests opium, Gungabux Chejooram; 404 chests opium, Nursey Keesowjee and Co; 664 chests opium, Gunesmdass Tewpersad; 5 chests opium, Shaturvey Sewramjee; 14 chests opium, Hoorjee Adam Kessick and Co; 10 chests opium, Jessee Nowrojee & Co; 5 chests opium, Cursonjee Jamsetjee & Co; 15 chests opium, S M Sassoon, 101 chests opium, Tata & Co.

FOR SHANGHAE.

Zambesi s, 24 chests opium Currimbhoy Ebram; 114 chests opium, Bewram Dowlerram; 24 chests opium, Koonjilal Jeesadass; 13 chests opium, Framjee Hormusjee and Co; 9 chests opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co; 30 chests opium, Barjorjee Rustomjee Mody; 49 chests opium, Hurnarain Maneckram, 34 chests opium, Bhimowan Basanlall.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—MAY 1.

Vansittart, Lt, 2d 72nd Highlanders, on leave, from Nowshera.
Anderson, Major, By Staff Corps, on leave, from Mhow.
Robertson, Sub-Lt, 42nd Highlanders, on sick leave, from Lucknow.

MAY 2.

Barter, Lt Col, 2d 15th Sikhs, on furlough, from Sealkote.
Elliot, Lt, 2d Staff Corps, on Mint Cost, from Calcutta.
Morris, Capt, 2d Late 1st E L C, Bde Major, Fazeapore, on furlough, from Ferozepore.
Power, Surg 2d 3rd Sikhs, on furlough, from Kohat.

MAY 3.

Reynolds, Lt, By R E, on duty, from Carwar.
Bacon, Col, 20th Regt N I, on duty, from Mahableshwur.
Fisher, Maj, By 1st Staff Corps, on leave, from Hydrabad.
Banes, Capt, By R A, on leave, from Ahmedabad.
Hailes, Col, By R A, on duty, from Kurrachee.

DEPARTURES—APRIL 29.

Kelsey, Capt, 2d 72nd Highlanders, to rejoin, to Nowshera.

MAY 1.

Gambier, Major, By R E, on furlough, to England.
Vansittart, Lt, 2d 72nd Highlanders, on leave, to England.
Anderson, Surg, By Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.
Elliot, Lt, 2d Staff Corps, on Mint Cost, to England.
Morris, Capt, 2d Late 1st E L C, Bde Major, on furlough, to Engl nd.
Price, Col, By 19th Regt N I, to join, to Sholapore.
Pierce, Lt Col, By 24th Regt N I, on duty, to Neemuch.
Henstowl, Lt Col, By 1st, on duty, to Kurrachee.
Eckalss, Capt, By 21st Regt N I, on furlough, to Poona.
Power, Surg, 2d 3rd Sikhs, on furlough, to Europe.
Reynolds, Lt, By R E, on duty, to England.
Fisher, Maj, By Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.

MADRAS GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(Fort St. George Gazette, April 29.)

The under-mentioned Officers have obtained leave of absence from their stations:—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr G Thornhill, 1st Member of the Board of Revenue, privilege leave for three months, from or after 8th May next, under Sec 21 of the Civil Leave Code.

Mr W D Hoveler, Coll r and Mag of Cuddapah, privilege leave for one month and fifteen days, from 1st May next, under Sec 21 of the Civil Leave Code.

The furlough to Europe for two years granted in the *Fort St George Gazette* of the 23rd instant to Mr J B Pennington, Actg Coll r and Mag of Trichinopoly, is on medical certificate.

The Hon David Arbuthnot, Actg Third Member of the Board of Revenue, to act as First Member during the absence of Mr Thornhill on privilege leave, or until further orders.

Mr Henry Sewell, Sub-Coll r and Joint Mag of North Arcot, to act as Coll r and Mag of Trichinopoly during Mr H E Sullivan's absence on leave, or until further orders.

Mr J L Fernandez, Head Clerk, Coll r's Office, South Canara, to act as Deputy Coll r in charge of the Treasury of that district during the absence of Mr B C Leggatt on leave, or until further orders, to have effect from the 29th instant.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Hon J R Kindersley, Actg Judge of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, privilege leave for three months, from 27th June next.

Lieut-Col C D Clementson, Cantonment Mag 'of, St. Thomas' Mount, leave for six months on private affairs.

Maj George Briggs, M S C, to act as Cantonment Mag of St Thomas' Mount during the absence of Lieut-Col Clementson on leave, or until further orders.

Kusttinkara Narayanan Nair to be Sub-Registrar of Manantoddy, in the District of Tellicherry.

M Irulappa Pillai, 2nd-Class Mag of Chinnamanur, in the District of Madura, to be Sub-Registrar of Chinnamanur.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Mr J Sturrock, Actg Under Secy and Canarese Translator to Govt, furlough on medical certificate for eighteen months, under Sec 10 (a), from 12th May next, with subsidiary leave not exceeding thirty-days, under Sec 18 (a) of the Civil Leave Code.

Mr W W Shermon, Asst Exmr 3d C, to be British Consular Agent at Pondicherry.

Surgeon-Maj William Farquhar Davis, M D, F R C S, Medical Officer, Cotacamund, to act as Zillah Surgn, Coimbatore, during the absence of Surgn-Maj Rogers on leave, or until further orders.

Surgn-Maj George Edward Whitton, M B and B A, Medical Officer, Coonoor, with charge of Kotagherry, to act as Medical Officer, Cotacamund, during the employment of Surgn-Maj Davis on other duty, or until further orders.

Surgn-Maj Charles Abel Andrews, Surgn, 4th District, to act as Medical Officer, Coonoor, with charge of Kotagherry, during the employment of Surgn-Maj Whitton on other duty, or until further orders.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Under Sec 7, Act V of 1871 (Madras), the Govr in Council is pleased to grant Mr J C Loch, President of the Madras Municipal Commission, leave of absence for two year on medical certificate, to proceed to England.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Lieut-Col R A Roberts, R E, Supdg Engr, Tanjore, subsidiary leave for thirty days.

The Hon the Govr in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Lieut-Col J Mullins, R E, Chief Engr, for Irrigation and Joint Secy to Govt, to officiate as Chief Engr and Secy to Govt, P W Dept, during the absence of Col Wahab.

Maj J G Hasted R E, Ex Engr, 1st grade, and Offg Supdg Engr of the Godavery Circle, to officiate as Chief Engr for Irrigation and Joint Secy to Govt, vice Col Mullins.

Mr R Smith, Ex Engr, 1st grade, to officiate as Supdg Engr, 3d grade, Godavery Circle.

Mr G D Wybrow, Asst Engr of the first grade, to be Ex Engr of the fourth grade, vice Lieut-Col J Goddard proceeded on furlough to Europe.

Mr C J Peters, A st Engr of the first grade, to be Ex Engr of the fourth grade, vice Mr S Hazlegton proceeded on furlough to Europe.

Advertising to G O G No 287 of 21st April 1875, published in the *Gazette* of the 23rd April, and to the sanction of the Govt of India subsequently received, Capt R F Morris, R E, is posted to the charge of Trichinopoly Dist, and will be brought on the strength of the Dept as a Supernumerary Ex Engr of the 4th grade.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Revd George E Lefish (on the expiration of his term of service as Chaplain of Coonoor) to act as Garrison Chaplain, Fort Saint George, vice the transfer of the Revd Dr Sayers on privilege leave, or until further orders.

The Revd W S Trotman, M A, to be Chaplain of Coonoor.

The Revd Samuel Morley to act as Joint Chaplain of St George's Cathedral, Madras, during the absence of the Revd H Pope on privilege leave, or until further order.

The Revd J Smithwhite, Actg Chaplain of Trichinopoly, to act as Chaplain of Cannanore during the absence of the Revd Mr Walker on privilege leave, or until further orders.

The Revd Clement Smith, B A, Chaplain of Trimulgherry, to be Chaplain of Tri hinopoly

The Revd H W Pearson, M A, Actg Chaplain of Trimulgherry, to be Chaplain of that station.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

BY THE LIEUT-GOVERNOR.

(North-Western Provinces Gazette May 1.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave of absence:—

Capt F Buller, Dist Supt of Police, Saharanpur, privilege leave for three months, with effect from the 13th April, or such subsequent date as he may avail himself of the same.

Mr H F D'O Moule, Depy Supt, Family Domains Maharaja of Benares, privilege leave for two months and twenty-five days, with effect from the 20th April 1875.

Mr M W Sandys, Mag and Colr, Budaun, three months' privilege leave, with effect from the 1st Aug 1875.

His Hon the Lieut-Govr has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr J H Dodd, Asst Mag, Farukhabad, to be a Justice of the Peace for the N W Provinces, under Sec 3, of Act II of 1869.

Sergeant Major Hall, Allahabad, to be Supt of the Jail at that station, with effect from the 8th April.

Mr D F Addis Asst Mag, Azamgarh, to be Supt of the Jail at that station, with effect from the 1st April.

Surgn-Maj E A Fitzgerald, Civil Surgn, Shahjahanpur, to be Supt of the Jail at that Station, with effect from the 8th April.

Mr P J Cuzner to the charge of the current duties of the office of the Dist Supt of Police, Sharanpur, during the absence on leave of Capt Buller, or until further orders.

Mr G R C Williams, Asst Mag and Colr, Banda, to be Depy Supt, Family Domains Maharaja of Benares, during the absence on privilege leave of Mr H F D'O Moule, or until further orders.

With effect from the 13th Dec 1875, the date on which Surgn-Maj J Irving was confirmed in his appointment as Depy Surgeon-General—

Surgn-Maj H S Smith to be a Civil Surgn, 1st class, and Surgn A Wise to be a Civil Surg, 2nd class, North-Western Provinces.

Surgn D Wilkie, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Govt by the Govt of India, Military Department, to officiate as Junior Civil Surgn, Allahabad, until further orders, with effect from the 22nd of March, 1875.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to direct the following promotions and reversions:—

Mr A H Davis, Officiating Assistant District Superintendent of Police, Meerut, to officiate as District Superintendent of Police, Muzaffarnagar, during the absence of Mr W Williams, temporarily employed on special duty, or until further orders.

Mr J Laing, Offg Asst Dist Supt of Police, Allahabad, to officiate as Dist Supt of Police, Mirzapur, during the absence on leave of Col Swiney, or until further order.

Doctor J W Tyler, Supt, Central and Dist Jails, Meerut, to officiate as Supt of the Central and Dist Jails, Agra, during the absence on deputation of Surgn-Maj J G Pilcher, or until further orders.

Mr W R Tucker, Extra Asst Comr, from Jhansi to Jalaun.

Mr C A Battersburgh, Extra Asst Comr, Jalaun, is dismissed from the service of Government, with effect from the 3rd inst.

Three months' privilege leave is granted to Mr C J Sheridan, Asst Engr, 1st grade, in charge of the Banda Sub-division, of the Allahabad Provincial Division, with effect from such date as he may avail himself thereof.

Mr W D D Bourne, Asst Engr 3rd grade, is transferred from the Allahabad Sub-division, of the Allahabad Provincial division to the Ghazipur Sub-division, of the Benares Provincial Division as a temporary arrangement.

CENTRAL PROVINCES ORDERS.

(Central Provinces Gazette, May 1.)

Surgeon T Mayne, of the Madras Establishment, appointed Civil Surgeon of Damoh, is ordered to joint at Betul; and Surgeon G Hall, Civil Surgeon of Betul, on being relieved by Surgeon Mayne is transferred to Damoh.

Seven days' subsidiary leave is granted to Captain W L Norberry, Officiating Cantonment Magistrate, Saugor, from the 18th February 1875, the date on which he reported his arrival at Bombay on return from furlough, to enable him to join his appointment.

The privilege leave granted to Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Cumberlege, Officiating Commissioner, Nagpur Division, in Notification No. 744, dated 3rd ultimo, is extended to 15th May next inclusive.

PUNJAB GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(Punjab Government Gazette, April 29.)

Mr A R Shaw, Collr of Customs, Mooltan, has obtained privilege leave of absence for sixty-one days from the 16th May 1875, or such subsequent date as he may avail himself of the same.

Mr J N Barlow, Patrol of the Mooltan Division, is appointed to offi iate as Collr of Customs, Mooltan, during Mr Shaw's absence on leave.

Mr R Udny, Asst Commr, is appointed to officiate as Depy Commr of Kohat, vice Capin P L N Cavagnari offg as Depy Commr of Peshawar, with effect from the 18th March 1875.

Mr C T Bullock, Asst Commr, is appointed to act as Khan to the Kangra district.

The services of Surgn-Maj H Cookson, Offg Civil Surgn of Kohat, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of India, Military Dept, with effect from the date on which he may avail himself of the furlough granted him in G O No 1,127, dated 12th March 1875.

Capt W J Parker, Asst Commr, Sialkot has obtained privilege leave of absence for thirty-seven days with effect from the afternoon of the 24th April 1875.

Surgn-Maj S C Courtenay, Corps of Guides, whose services have been temporarily placed at the disposal of this Dept, is appointed to officiate as Civil Surgn of Peshawar and Supt of the Jail at that station vice Surgeon A Skene, proceeding on furlough with effect from the afternoon of the 19th April 1875.

Lieut-Col Fendall is posted to the Umballa district as a temporary arrangement, during the period that Mr. C F Elliott officiates as Additional Comm r of the Jullender Division, with effect from the afternoon of the 23rd April 1875.

Major F D Harington Asst Commr Jhelum, has obtained six months' special leave in India, from 1st May 1875, or such subsequent date as he may avail himself of the same.

POSTAL NOTICES.

OVERLAND MAIL.

In supersession of this Office Notice of the 9th May last, it is notified that as the Overland Mail Steamers of the P. & O. S. N. Company will leave Bombay every Monday soon after 7 P. M., the following revised arrangements in the hours for closing Mails, will come into operation:—

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 5-30 P.M.
Newspapers, Books, and Patterns, up to 3 P.M.
Registered Letters up to 2 P.M.
Registered Letters if fully prepaid together with an extra fee of 2 annas, will be received at the General Post Office between 2 and 4 P.M.

Late letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of late letter fee (4 annas each), will be received at the Wellington Pier Post Office from 5-30 to 6-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 2-30 P.M.

Fully prepaid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamer after 5 P.M. and up to starting time (7 P.M.) by the payment of an additional fee of Eight Annas. All others will be refused.

MAILS FOR KURRACHEE.

The B. I. S. N. Company's Contract Steamers will be despatched from Bombay for Kurrachee once in a week, viz., on every Monday and Friday, until further notice.

PERSIAN GULF MAILS.

The Mail Service by the Contract Steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company between Bomb-y and the Persian Gulf will be weekly instead of forte ghtly, as formerly.
A Mail will be despatched every *Friday* during the fair season.

TO CALCUTTA.

Touching at the several Coast Stations.

Mails to Calcutta, and for at the several Coast Stations, per B. I. S. N. Company's Contract Steamers, are despatched from Bombay on every Saturday during the fair season.
Or every Wednesday until further notice, an extra steamer of the B. I. S. N. Company is despatched to Carwar, touching at the intermediate ports. Mails for Rutnagherry, Malwan, Vingorla, Goa and Carwar are made up for that opportunity.
Registered and ordinary Letters, as well as Book and Sample Packets and Parcels, can be posted up to 11 A.M. at the G. P. O., and late fee letters up to 1-30 on the day of departure of the Steamer, as above shown.
The latest hour for posting at Branch Post Offices is 10-30 A.M.

DESPATCH OF INLAND MAILS FROM BOMBAY.

REVISED TABLE of the hours for closing the Inland Mails which came into force from the 1st July and will continue so until further notice:—

MAILS	At General Post Office. Ordinary Letters, &c.	At General Post Office. After-Packet.	At Branch Offices.
For Bengal, N. W. Provinces, Punjab, Central Provinces, Malwa, Berar, and for all Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway	3-30 P.M.	4-30 P.M.	8 P.M
For all Post Towns on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway for Poona and Madras Presidency; also for Ahmednugur Sevoor, Deccan, and S. M. Country	12 NOON.	0-30 P.M.	10-30 A.M.
For ditto on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Poona,	5 A.M.	5-30 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For ditto on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for Guzerat, Kurrachee, Sind, Kattiawar, and Kutch	4 A.M.	6 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For ditto in Southern Concan, &c., for Penn; Nagotna, Mhar, Khed, Dapoolee, and Rutnagherry	6 A.M.	.....	5 P.M. of previous day.

Registered letters and banghy parcels for despatch by all mail will be received, except on Sundays, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

MONTEATH—April 30th, at Carwar, the wife of J. Monteath C. S., of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATH.

BRINDLE

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

INSTALLATION OF THE RANEE JUMNABAEE.

BARODA, 3RD MAY.

Sir T. Madhava Row arrived this morning at nine o'clock. He was received by Captain Jackson and drove off under the salute of guns. At eight o'clock this morning Mr. Richey, Assistant Resident, accompanied Jumnabaee and her daughter, Tarabaee, to the palace. A grand procession of elephants, troops, and retainers preceded her. On arrival at the palace Tarabaee was placed on the *gadee*, where, on behalf of Jamnabaee who was concealed in a room behind the purdah, she received nuzzeranas and obeisances from Sirdars and a large number of other people. Little Tarabaee behaved cheerfully and precociously. People generally seem delighted, and to-night there will be illuminations in the city in honour of Jumnabaee's return to Baroda.

A CARAVAN ATTACKED NEAR PESHAWUR.

ALLAHABAD, 3RD MAY.

A Caravan which set out from Peshawur five days since for Cabul, via Fort Michnee, has been plundered by Nowroz Khan; goods valued at three lakhs. An engagement took place between Amir's troops and those of Nowroz three days ago, six miles from Michnee. The Amir lost sixteen men. Caravan merchants returned to Peshawur empty. They report the pass blocked. Nowroz near Michnee.

The 107th, not 109th, will go home next cold weather. Colonel Franks goes to Europe to-morrow.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

REPLY OF BELGIUM TO THE GERMAN NOTE.

LONDON, 3RD MAY.

The reply of Belgium, on the subject of the laws regulating the licence of the Press, does not treat generally of the questions in the German Note and reserves declaring any resolutions.

The Bill for the suppression of Religious Orders has been introduced into the Prussian Diet.

LONDON, 1ST MAY, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed very dull. Surats very dull.

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Exchange on India	1/9½ to 1/10d.
Oriental Bank shares	£47-10
Chartered do.	£16-10
Do. Mercantile shares	£22-10
Hongkong and Shanghai shares	£21
3 per cent. Consols for account	93⅞
6 do. French Rente, 1872	103⅛
Bar Silver	57

DEPARTURE OF H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR will leave Bombay at 2 P.M. to-day for Mahableshwar. A salute of 17 guns will be fired at the Saluting Battery at the moment His Excellency leaves.

SIR A. CLARKE will, it is stated, leave Singapore to take up his appointment as Director of Public Works in India, on the 20th of this month.

We regret to learn that the Hon'ble J. K. Bythell, Member of the Legislative Council, has been ordered home on account of ill-health, and will leave by next Monday's mail.

IT an obvious misprint the yearly value of the imports of cotton manufactures into India was stated at £1,700,000 instead of £17,000,000, in our first leading article of yesterday.

THE following telegram was received at Madras on Friday last from the Secretary of State for India:—"The Queen desires me to convey the expression of her very sincere sympathy to Lady Hobart for whose bereavement she feels deeply."

IT is understood that there will be an important concentration of troops in the Punjab in the ensuing winter, the object being chiefly to mark fittingly the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

A BRUSSELS correspondent of a London paper telegraphs:—"It is announced that German Jesuits wish to purchase one of the finest properties near Verviers. The Belgian Government has declared that, if the purchase be completed, the law relating to foreigners will be applied."

IT is said that Mr. J. E. O'Connor, Assistant to the Secretary Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce, will be the Editor of the *Statistical Reporter* lately purchased by the Government of India from Mr. Knight for Rs. 20,000. He will edit the publication directly under the Hon'ble Mr. Eden's supervision.

THE Behar paper states that the minor Maharajas of Durbhungah and Cooch Behar intend shortly making a trip to Cashmere, visiting most of the important places in the North West Provinces and the Punjab. They will be accompanied in their tour by their attendant tutors, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Kneller.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR, Assistant Adjutant General for Musketry, Meerut Division, who was suffering from a stroke of paralysis, is said by the Simla paper to be progressing towards convalescence. These best competent to judge entertain the hope of his early restoration to health. The attack, though sudden and severe, was of a partial character.

THE latest report of the state of the crops and prospects of the season in the several districts of the Central Provinces describes the state of agricultural prospects as being favourable. The weather in some parts is said to have been cool and clear, in others the hot winds were blowing steadily. Cholera in a few places had appeared but food grains were abundant and prices continue easy.

THE total deaths registered in the Punjab for the week ending 3rd April, were 6,064, the number for the previous week being 5,974. There was 1 death registered under the head of cholera,—it occurred at Sadhaurah, in the Umballa district. The total deaths from small pox were 346, the number in the previous week being 305. There were 296 male and 289 female births registered.

THE verdict of the jury at the inquest in Madras on the bodies of the natives who lost their lives in the accident at the Wallajah Bridge, from the overcrowding during the funeral of the late Lord Hobart, was as follows:—"Death by drowning, accidentally, through the wooden pathway attached to the Wallajah Bridge giving way at the time of the passing of the funeral procession of the late Governor, Lord Hobart."

THE crop and weather report for the N. W. Provinces for the week ending the 29 h April, 1875, shows no change. From Basti the harvest is reported on as follows:—"Though the harvest in this district has been generally good, yet in Tahsil Captainganj frost and blight appear to have done serious mischief, and sugar-cane has, in a great measure, failed. The wheat and barley outturn in this tahsil is estimated at three-fourths, sugar-cane and gram at one-half, and arhar and peas at one-fourth of an average crop."

THE *Madras Times* learns from his Trichinopoly correspondent of another outbreak at the Trichinopoly jail. An attempt was made by a party of convicts to escape from the jail on Wednesday. The convicts armed with some of the working implements, within their reach, attempted to effect an escape through the large or outer gate of the jail. A good deal of commotion ensued, and things took such a serious turn that the police guard fired on the convicts and hit about ten or eleven of them, four being mortally wounded.

ONE of the German correspondents of a London paper writes:—George Herwegh died at Baden on the 7th inst. He was born at Stuttgart in 1817, and created in 1841 an immense sensation in all German-speaking countries by the publication of a volume of poems, "Gedichte eines Lebendigen," in which a passionate lyrical strain was united to the expression of revolutionary sentiment of the old French school, the glorification of revolution for the sake of revolution. In 1848 he took part in the revolutionary movement in the Grand Duchy of Baden. Since then he has lived in retirement, mostly in Switzerland, and never shown again a sign of that poetic spirit which in the years from 1841 till 1848 made his name a household word in Germany.

THE selfish practice of importers of Australian horses bringing men to this country in charge of their animals, and then turning them adrift, rather than pay their passage back again, is being repeated in Ceylon, and the increasing number of vagrants has alarmed the Friend in-Need Society. The Honorary Treasurer of that Society is endeavouring to get some measure enacted similar to the Indian European Vagrancy Act. He writes:—"It is morally culpable to bring such men to this country without providing means for their leaving it again, and it should be punishable otherwise. We should, in all probability, have a number of them coming on the Friend-in-Need Society, but its funds are specially intended for the relief of the local distress which always prevails, and its office-bearers, very rightly, are always averse to expending sums of money in deporting or maintaining men of the class in question."

THE Commander-in-Chief has published the results of the Soldiers' Industrial Exhibition, held at Umballa in October last. The four prizes for the best general collection were awarded to the 4th Battalion Rifle Brigade, and 1-11th, 1-8th and 109th Regiments respectively. It is pleasing to observe that the number of native regiments contributing to the Exhibition has increased, and His Excellency trusts that commanding officers will continue to encourage their men to compete at future Exhibitions. The quality and workmanship of the goods exhibited were, as a rule, excellent; but, as on former occasions, the prices put upon some articles were too high to ensure sale. Altogether, the result of this Exhibition has been a success, and the Commander-in-Chief desires to express his best thanks to Major-General P. Hill, C. B., and the committee who superintended the details, as well as to all others concerned, for their exertions in bringing about such a result. The next Exhibition, confined to the Bengal Presidency, will be held at Meean Meer in the autumn of 1875.

THE *Hindu Patriot* takes a creditably moderate view of the Baroda case. While criticising the inconsistency of the Government, it admits that nobody but "blind partisans" can deny the truth of the finding that the Gaekwar was unfit to rule, and that, from the time Lord Northbrook turned his attention to the affairs of Baroda, he "has been actuated by one object, viz., the good of the millions who owned allegiance to the Gaekwar." While regretting that Lord Northbrook did not avoid "the circuitous path which has unnecessarily brought an essentially righteous policy into discredit, and cast a slur upon his fair fame," our contemporary allows that he has effectively solved the problem of protecting the subject from the tyranny of a native prince. At the same time the *Patriot* holds that the Government of India had rendered itself partly responsible for the misgovernment of Baroda, by winking, through its agent, at the oppressions of Khunderao, and by allowing Mulharrao to be put on the throne, although "it was notorious that he did not possess a single qualification for the government of such a vast territory." Our contemporary acknowledges the wisdom of the arrangements made by Her Majesty's Government for the future administration of Baroda, and describes the permission granted to Khunderao's widow to adopt, as a masterly stroke of policy, which will go far to reconcile the House of Baroda and its subjects to the revolution.

CALCUTTA, it seems, the *Englishman* tells us, is not going to retire into its usual chrysalis state this hot weather. We hear—indeed, we may say we know (for we have seen the prospectus)—that the old Philharmonic meetings are to be revivified, and that the Town Hall is soon to resound with the musical strains of the "Calcutta Orchestral Society." There has been some difficulty, we believe, in setting the thing going, owing to the necessity of being secure against the chances of a possibly weak subscription list; but the "ten righteous" men have been found to act the part of guarantors, and the musical public may take their tickets with the comfortable assurance that they at least will get the worth of their money. The Town Hall has been appropriated to the Society on very favourable terms, and the concerts are to commence once. The Orchestra will be composed of professionals and amateurs, the nucleus being the ten musicians of last season's Italian Opera. These last are, we believe, very efficient performers. They did not give entire satisfaction during the Opera season, but this, we imagine, was from unsympathetic leading, combined, perhaps, with a little subordinate feeling on the part of the performers themselves. Herr Stoekel, who is to conduct the Orchestra at the Town Hall, is a good musician as well as a disciplinarian; and we have no doubt that the result will be music such as has not been heard in Calcutta for many a day. Everything seems to promise well for the undertaking. There will be singing as well as playing and most of the amateurs of music in Calcutta have promised their help. There is every prospect of a succession of pleasant evenings in Mr. Hogg's spacious assembly rooms.

IN another column will be found an extract from the *Indian Daily News*, headed "The Burmah Difficulty." The following remarks from the same paper will be found useful. Our contemporary says:—"In another part of our paper, we give, from an occasional correspondent, a letter from Mandalay. We do the letter a place on several grounds. As a contribution to political literature it has a certain interest at the present juncture, and we have reason to believe that it represents the 'Burmah difficulty' from the point of view of His Majesty of the White Elephant and the Golden Foot. In this respect it is worthy of attention, for so far as we are aware, the statement of the case, from the Avan side, has not been given to the public. It will be seen that the statements of the case are essentially different from those on which the English and the Indian press have formed their comments. We do not say that it is more correct or more worthy of belief. But it is only a matter of common fairness that will commend itself to our countrymen, we give the letter publicity, that the King may not be condemned on *ex parte* statements, and find no one to hear what he has to say for himself. It will be seen that the fact of the King's complicity in the obstructions that our expeditions have met in their efforts to pass through Burmah to China, is explicitly denied. Of course, if this denial is a violation of truth, following and intended to conceal a breach of political faith, it will not avail. But if it be correct it should tend very much to prevent any obstruction in future, and even commit the King to an active assistance that should go far either to ensure success, or clear him from the suspicion of complicity."

A MANDALAY correspondent's letter dated 10th April, which reached the *Rangoon Mail* on Sunday, the 18th April, contains rumours of war and disturbances in Burmah. The Burmese at Bhamo apprehended an attack on that town from the Kachins on account of the crucifixion of some relation of a Kachin chief for theft. It seems that about the end of March a Kachin was apprehended at a village below Bhamo called Shoay Goo with a copper pot in his possession. The owner of the pot accused the Kachin of trying to steal it and had him brought before the Bhamo Woon who ordered him to be crucified. This cruel order was carried out when it was found that the accused was a brother of a Kachin Tsaubwa. The body instead of being exposed, as is customary, was thrown into the Irrawaddy, and the Kachin Tsaubwa sent a message he would burn Shoay Goo and Bhamo within one month. This very much alarmed the inhabitants who daily expect to be attacked. As from their proceeding they expect a difficulty with the English, one would imagine these arrogant people would try to conciliate the Kachins and all hill tribes. Instead of doing so they seem to be treating them with more than usual contumely and injustice, and if circumstances take the British forces to Bhamo, the bad treatment of the Kachins and other tribes by the Burmese will assist us greatly. It was reported in Mandalay that a serious difference had arisen in Bhamo between the Burmese Governor and the British Assistant Political Agent, Captain Cook. A number of Panthay refugees (about 90) arrived at Bhamo and delivered themselves up to Captain Cook and asked to be sent to Rangoon. They had been for months hiding in the jungles from the Chinese troops who murdered Panthays in cold blood whenever they see them. Captain Cook received the men in his compound after disarming them. The Woon afterwards objected to the proceeding and asked Captain Cook to give up the men. This, of course, he refused to do, as they were then under British protection. The matter, our correspondent says, has been referred to Captain Sterer at Mandalay by Captain Cook, and to the King by the Bhamo Governor, but meanwhile the Panthays are within the British Residency compound.

THE *Indian Daily News* contains the following remarks:—"One may almost be forgiven for harbouring a suspicion that the Gaekwaree wire-pullers have not yet given up all hope of working the oracle. The *Times of India* publishes a special telegram from England that 'while acknowledging the difficulties of the Governor-General's situation, the press generally condemns the deposition of the Gaekwar. The *Times* and *Pall Mall Gazette* deprecate the theory and constitutional practice of despotism. It is understood that a motion will be made in the House of Commons on the subject.' We cannot understand how two such presumably well informed and well-advised journals as the *Times* and the *Pall Mall* could be induced twice to commit themselves on the same, or on a kindred subject. That the *Times* was improperly influenced in its premature judgment, based on Colonel Phayre's cross-examination, has been generally assumed, if it has not been admitted, by the paper itself. And we cannot understand how the two papers should have rushed to conclusions concerning the deposition of the Gaekwar, when the evidence, with the reasons for the conclusion could not possibly have been before them, except on the supposition that they have again been 'got at,' or that the telegram is an exaggeration of the real purport of the *Times* articles. The former telegrams certainly led people to believe that the conclusions or opinions were far more emphatic than they ultimately proved to be; and the present telegram bears on its face more than suspicion. The sentence, as to the opinion of the two papers on the theory and constitutional practice of despotism, is a puzzle, and the reader may beat about for alternative readings, and speculate whether there are not some errors either in transmission, or a misprint in the office of our contemporary. As to the contemplated movement in the House of Commons, it is not likely to be a very serious one. The extent of it will probably be in the first place to move for the papers connected with the trial. They will be granted as a matter of course; and there cannot be much doubt as to the result in the minds of the members of the House. It is not likely that any motion in the House of Commons can have any influence whatever. The deposition of Mulharrao has been effected by the Ministry at present in office, with a majority at their back which, on such a subject, they would almost command to a man. It is not likely that the Opposition, who are the friends of the Viceroy in a "party" sense, would take any action that might place him in a position less agreeable than it already is. We rather incline to regard the telegram as so many idle words, a straw thrown upon the stream to try the current. If the expression of opinion by the English Press be in any way decided—one way or the other—it ought not to be left to private telegrams to make the fact known in India."

HOME GOSSIP.

THE FASHIONS.—BOOKS.—PICTURES.—CAPTAIN BOYTON.—MESSRS. MOODY AND SANKEY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

GROSVENOR SQUARE, 9TH APRIL.

MY DEAREST MARY,—I told you in my last letter I would, next time I wrote, give you a description of some very quaint and pretty fancy dresses I have seen worn lately at different fancy dress balls I have been to; they may give you ideas if you require any yourself, and perhaps help your friends. A witch, if properly got up, is a most effective costume: a red satin petticoat, bordered to about the depth of half a yard with cats' heads, snakes, lizards and bats, cut out in black velvet, a tunic of grey satin caught up at the sides with long green and yellow flexible snakes twisting about, a snake twined round the waist rearing up its head in front, a high crowned hat with a snake coiled round it and a broom-stick in the hand. A magpie is a capital dress: a short satin skirt, divided down the middle of back and front, half black and half white, a gauze tablier in front edged with feathers, a basque bodice with a fichu of feathers, satin ribbon tied in a small bow round the throat, and the high gauze caps are all half and half, so that seen on one side the wearer is all black, on the other all white; the distinction must be kept up in boots, stockings, earrings and gloves. Another good dress and very simple is, Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? A short blue cashmere skirt, with pictures of the prettiest faces you can get cut out and pasted in a row about 2 inches from the bottom of the skirt, a deep crimson silk tunic very much bunched up behind and trimmed with cockle-shells, a blue velvet round the throat, with little silver bells hanging from it, the hair in long curls fastened back, with broad blue velvet, which is sewn bells and cockleshells of silver. "Grace Darling" is also good. A short dark blue satin skirt, over it a tunic and bodice of red and white striped cashmere, the tunic tied back with blue ribbons and anchors, ropes, life-buoy and a lighted lantern in the side; the bodice has a deep sailor collar, with a border of white gauze along the top, a blue tie knotted in front, and a scarlet crochet headdress. "The Press" is very comical, but I cannot call it pretty, the girl I saw in it was dressed entirely in paper, a short skirt with plaited flounces to the waist, composed of illustrated papers with portraits and other pictures and scraps heading them, bearing the names of *The Times*, *Saturday Review*, *Daily News*, *Standard*, and other well known papers; the body was composed entirely of the *Matrimonial News*, coloured quill pens, an ink bottle and sealing-wax were stuck in the hair. The "White Cat" was also a very pretty dress. A white silk dress edged with several rows of white fur about 4 inches deep, a loose white fur mantle the body high and trimmed with fur, a little hood on the head composed of a white cat's head stuffed. A "Carrier Pigeon" also looked very well. She was dressed in white tulle with a tunic and body of feathers, her hair was powdered and arranged with two wings placed in the same way as Mercury is usually represented in pictures; round her neck she wore a *billet doux* suspended by black velvet. If you want an inexpensive dress, and at the same time a very pretty one, you could not do better than choose the "Gleaner." A black and yellow striped petticoat with a red tunic looped up on one side, a high chemisette of mull white muslin drawn up to the throat and sleeves coming to the elbow, over this a low yellow body bound with black velvet, a wide trimmed hat of fancy straw lined with blue and wreathed with corn daisies and poppies, a small bouquet of corn same on the front of the body, a wide blue scarf fastened high up on the right hip, crossing the dress in front and falling low on the other side, where it is carelessly tied round a small sheaf of corn. This costume can be made in either cambric, cashmere, or silk, but I prefer cambric as it is more in character. I could tell you heaps more beautiful and effective dresses, but I have not time, and I will finish my account by telling you my own dress in the last ball of the kind I was at. I went as Lucy Ashton in the Bride of Lammermoor. The skirt of my dress was made with a long sweeping train, and a dazzling silver tissue; on the train was beautifully embroidered with silver thread and small pearls, a white satin tunic covered with white tulle, a bouquet of white rosebuds in the front of the body and another bunch in my hair fastening in a long white tulle veil which nearly covered my dress and partly my face, the only ornament I wore was a broken gold coin fastened round my neck with a blue ribbon. The fashions are little changed since I last wrote to you, not a vestige of crinoline is worn, nothing but a tournure which raises the dress at the back only, the skirts are all long and very scanty, three yards and a half is the proper width round and a long narrow train behind. Polonaises are quite discarded and costumes are fast dying out. Mantles are to be worn this summer of various shapes. 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And now before closing my letter I must tell you of two other Americans of a very different stamp, but who are at the present time exercising a great influence over many thousands in our great metropolis. I speak of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, the great American revivalists, who are drawing such crowded audiences to all parts of London. Hundreds of thousands have been to hear them since they came to London in the beginning of March; they have three meetings a day, and their congregations vary from 10,000 to 20,000 at each meeting; all go from the highest to the lowest, summer of various shapes. Tunics are still worn, but tabliers are much more fashionable either pointed in front or square, having the fullness caught up at the waist so as to make a sort of frill, long sash-ends and bows tying them at the back, the bodices all have basques, some longer, some shorter in the front than the back, and pockets are introduced in these basques in all sorts of out-of-the-way places. All the bonnets are the round hat shape and worn very much at the back of the head, they are much larger than they were, and have wreaths of flowers both inside the brim and round the face, tulle strings, which commence in the centre of the back of the bonnet and are tied in large bows under the chin. Before finishing my gossip about dress, I must tell you I went to the last drawing room and saw numbers of lovely dresses of course, but all eyes were fixed on the Duchess of Edinburgh, who was a mass of diamonds; her dress was rich blue velvet trimmed with sable, at least this was the train, the petticoat and bodice were of satin the same rich colour, literally covered with diamonds, there were broad bands of them across the front of the skirt finished off with large tassels all of the same precious stones, she had a diadem on her head, necklace, earrings, brooch stomacher and bracelets, all of the most magnificent diamonds. It was really too dazzling, and I felt it quite a relief to turn to the Princess of Wales who was looking sweeter than ever and most tastefully dressed in violet velvet and satin trimmed with fur, and a necklace, earrings, and tiara of pearls and diamonds. The Baroness Rothschild's opera cloak was magnificent. I am told the fringe alone cost £45! It is white cashmere lined with white satin, and embroidered with pink and white silk, the fringe is white, jet beads interspersed with tassels of pink coral. You would laugh at the bathing dresses are made so scanty and cling so closely, good figures must be distinguished from bad, but no such thing, they are making tournures in Paris now to imitate exactly the human frame modelled like a Venus. Encased in one of these even a skeleton looks shapely. Some of these new tournures are made of plaited straw, some of steel covered with quilted silk. In either case the illusion, or delusion if you will, is perfect, what will not vanity do?

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And now before closing my letter I must tell you of two other Americans of a very different stamp, but who are at the present time exercising a great influence over many thousands in our great metropolis. I speak of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, the great American revivalists, who are drawing such crowded audiences to all parts of London. Hundreds of thousands have been to hear them since they came to London in the beginning of March; they have three meetings a day, and their congregations vary from 10,000 to 20,000 at each meeting; all go from the highest to the lowest, summer of various shapes. Tunics are still worn, but tabliers are much more fashionable either pointed in front or square, having the fullness caught up at the waist so as to make a sort of frill, long sash-ends and bows tying them at the back, the bodices all have basques, some longer, some shorter in the front than the back, and pockets are introduced in these basques in all sorts of out-of-the-way places. All the bonnets are the round hat shape and worn very much at the back of the head, they are much larger than they were, and have wreaths of flowers both inside the brim and round the face, tulle strings, which commence in the centre of the back of the bonnet and are tied in large bows under the chin. Before finishing my gossip about dress, I must tell you I went to the last drawing room and saw numbers of lovely dresses of course, but all eyes were fixed on the Duchess of Edinburgh, who was a mass of diamonds; her dress was rich blue velvet trimmed with sable, at least this was the train, the petticoat and bodice were of satin the same rich colour, literally covered with diamonds, there were broad bands of them across the front of the skirt finished off with large tassels all of the same precious stones, she had a diadem on her head, necklace, earrings, brooch stomacher and bracelets, all of the most magnificent diamonds. It was really too dazzling, and I felt it quite a relief to turn to the Princess of Wales who was looking sweeter than ever and most tastefully dressed in violet velvet and satin trimmed with fur, and a necklace, earrings, and tiara of pearls and diamonds. The Baroness Rothschild's opera cloak was magnificent. I am told the fringe alone cost £45! It is white cashmere lined with white satin, and embroidered with pink and white silk, the fringe is white, jet beads interspersed with tassels of pink coral. You would laugh at the bathing dresses are made so scanty and cling so closely, good figures must be distinguished from bad, but no such thing, they are making tournures in Paris now to imitate exactly the human frame modelled like a Venus. Encased in one of these even a skeleton looks shapely. Some of these new tournures are made of plaited straw, some of steel covered with quilted silk. In either case the illusion, or delusion if you will, is perfect, what will not vanity do?

You ask me about books in your last letter. You ought to read Mr. Molloy's "Our Autumn holiday on Pesnoli Rivers," he being a friend of yours. If you can imagine a 19th century Sentimental Journal, with the peculiar gravity and scholarly breeding of Sterne replaced by the rapid, careless, and to some extent slangy, manner of our own times, that is the kind of work which Mr. Molloy has thrown off in the intervals of his other studies. I do not say this in depreciation, for his book is lively, clever, pleasant, and amusing, there is a wilful oddity and abruptness, a humour with an occasional

EUROPEAN AND OTHER EXTRACTS.

TRADE ROUTES TO WESTERN CHINA.

(Geographical Magazine.)

On the 5th of this month the present writer sent the editor of this magazine some very interesting notes which he had received in a letter from Mr. Ney Elias, writing from Bamo full of hope and high spirits just before starting (9th of January) to meet his friend Margary. The next day I heard, with grief indeed, of the disaster which had befallen the party. With Colonel Browne and Dr. Anderson, Elias is, I trust, unhurt; but the friend whom he had rejoiced to meet under such singular circumstances—the young English-man who had just successfully accomplished the feat of travelling from the China Sea to the Irawadi, a feat which had hitherto baffled so many gallant attempts—has been treacherously murdered. There is hardly anything sadder in the history of travel. Margary is not indeed, like Hayward, a martyr to geographic enterprise, but (better than that) a martyr to his duty as an English public servant. And it is a pity that the Minister who had to answer about him in the House of Commons showed that he had not the slightest conception who this sufferer might be! Mr. Grant Duff sometimes vexed our Anglo-Indian souls with what seemed to us untimely optimisms; but sympathy as much as knowledge would have secured him and would have secured Mr. Bourke also, against such stumbling.

I see that General Margary in a letter to the *Times* (March the 9th) quotes a telegram in which "the nephew of Lee-sze-Ho" is named as the leader of the band that committed the crime. This man *Li-ti-tai* or *tai-li* is often mentioned in the reports of Major Sladen and Dr. Anderson. The former calls him a dacoit or freebooter, but, in fact, he seems, from what Anderson says, to have been a leader of the Chinese Imperial party, who held his ground resolutely against the Mahommedans, and struck at them, and at all whom he supposed to be their friends, from his fastness midway between Momien and the Irawadi: The jealous Chinese traders at Bamo stirred him to oppose the advance of Major Sladen's party, and he was believed to be the author of the attack made upon that party just before they reached Momien. Now that that *Panthay* (Mahommedans) have been crushed, one can understand that this personage may be somewhat rampant, and may have gladly seized the opportunity to wreak his vengeance for former failure on the new English mission. But this can hardly be more than one element in the tragedy, and if royalty has been cognizant, one may hope that royalty may yet learn the lesson for which the elder Boswell, commended Cromwell, to the infinite disgust of his guest Dr. Johnson.

I write these notes, at the editor's request, to accompany a map which I shall not see till it is published. I must assume that it will contain all that is needful, as shown in the map before me, which is Colonel "Thuillier's of 1870—Eastern Bengal, Burmah, and parts of China and Siam, on a scale of 32 miles to the inch."

The chief races occupying the region should be briefly noticed. The Chinese have spread according to their manner, either by actual migration or by assimilation of previous occupants, over a considerable part of the lower lands between Yunnan and the Irawadi. The *Shans*, the widely diffused race, of whom the Siamese are a great offshoot, always tolerably civilized and broken into a vast number of small principalities, subject to one or other of the neighbouring monarchies, are older occupants of those lower lands, and probably were so before any part of Yunnan itself and of the Upper Irawadi Valley. The higher hills towards the Irawadi are chiefly occupied by tribes of half civilized *Kakhyens* or *Kachcens* the same race that on our Assam frontier call themselves, and are called, *Singphos*, i. e. in their tongue "Men." Burmese appear to be few in number even on the Irawadi, so high up as Bamo. There are many tribes besides those we have named, but an attempt to detail them would be inappropriate to our present object.

Tali-fu is a central point, (on which nearly all the routes of which we have to speak converge; and for ages it has been the base of all operations, military or commercial, from the side of China facing Burma. It may still be regarded as the Western capital of Yunnan, as it was in the days of Marco Polo, who gives it the Mongol name of that province *Carajang*. For many centuries before Kublai conquered it (A D 1253), Tali-fu had been the seat of a considerable Shan kingdom, called by the Chinese *Nan* (or Southern)—*Chin*; this latter term being a Shan word for prince, which still figures among the titles of the Kings of Shan and all the other states of that wide-spread race. During the recent brief independence of the Mahommedans in Western Yunnan (probably themselves as much Shan as Chinese in blood) Tali again became a seat of royalty, and here reigned Sultan Suleiman from about 1860 to 1873, when the city was captured by the Imperialists and the Mahommedans were massacred. The Sultan himself took poison, but his head was sent in honey to Peking. Tali overlooks a fine lake and an extensive fertile plain. Lofty mountains rise behind the city, covered with snow for nine months out of the twelve. The lake, which stands at 6957 feet above the sea level, is 24 miles in length by 6 in width, it discharges by a short stream into the Mekong, and the local story goes, no doubt fabulous, that boats have come up to Tali from the ocean.

From Tali towards the Burmese capital one chief road runs direct; the rest make westward for the nearest points of the Irawadi, at and about Bamo.

The direct road is that by Thien-ni (in Shan, *Muang Teuen*), formerly the seat of a considerable Shan principality. This road has never been traversed, nor has Thien-ni been reached by any European, to the spring of 1865 Captain C. T. Watson, and Mr. Fedden of the Geological Survey, were within about one march of it, but the place was then in the hands of an insurgent chief, and they were obliged to turn back. Mr. Fedden's map places Thien-ni in about 25° 12′ a good deal further north than it is in my map of 1855, but no doubt much nearer the truth. The road from Thien-ni runs to the secluded Shan principality of Kaingma, and thence to the Chinese city of Shuning-fu, called by the Burmese Shwen-li, and by the Shans Muang-chan.* About Muang Thing, on the road between Thien-ni and Shuning-fu, is a very unhealthy tract which the traders push through as rapidly as possible, the road then runs to the great Mekong by an iron suspension bridge, and thence runs on to Tali. The whole distance from Mandalé to Tali by this road is about 35 marches. It was by this Thien-ni route (so it is stated in the *Geographical Magazine* for January last, p. 22, and I believe, correctly) that Colonel Browne's party was originally intended to proceed, and deeply it is to be regretted that the intention was thwarted, as it was, by the Burmese King. The insurgent movements upon that line afforded him a pretext to allege, justly or unjustly,

Bamo, in latitude 24° 16′ stands on a high bank over the Irawadi, on its eastern side, about 2 miles below the entrance of a considerable stream called the Tapeng River.† It is a small walled town, and the suburbs are chiefly populated by Shans, but with some fifty or sixty houses of Chinese. Here or hereabouts, has long been the water terminus of the land commerce from China, and as early as the famous world-map of Fra Mauro at Venice, terminated in 1459, we find a rubric on the Upper Irawadi (though that name is unknown to him) which runs:—*Qui le Marchaventie se translata da fiume a fiume per andar in Chataio*; "Here goods are transferred from river to river to go on to Cathay." And in the first half of the 17th century there is some evidence of the maintenance here of an English factor by the East India Company. The staple of the imports from China has always been the silk of Szechwan, in return for which cotton is carried back from Burma, but many minor articles swell the aggregate of trade.

At or near Bamo, a variety of paths quit the alluvial valley of the Irawadi, here extending some 20 miles on the eastern bank, to traverse the broad belt of the Kakhyen Hills, which rise in the summits to 5,000 feet and upwards, whilst the passes reach nearly to 3,000. Thence the paths descend into cultivated and populous valleys, occupied by Shans and Chinese settlers, and drained either by the Tapeng and its branches, or by the tributaries of the Shweli further south. The best known of these routes is that by which Major Sladen went to Momien. This route, 'at starting from Bamo crosses the Tapeng by ferry, and keeps to the north of that river for the greater part of the way. It passes Ponlain in the Kakhyen Hills, Sanda in the valley of the Tapeng, Muang-la and Nantin. At the latter place several other routes from the Irawadi fall in, as from the Hotha Valley, which after quitting the Irawadi plain keeps throughout to the south of the Tapeng, and another from Sawaddi,‡ a small town on the Irawadi, 8 miles below Bamo. This route passes through Muang-wan (Mowun of the Burmese, Longchuen of the Chinese), on a tributary of the Shweli and is said to be the easiest.

The first line is that most largely used by the Chinese traders at Bamo, and they have expended a good deal of money on improving it. The Sawaddi route is, however, also much used, and in January it was intended that our expedition should adopt that line. But as the attack upon it is reported to have taken place at or near Manwyin (Mine-wain) in the Sanda Valley, it is evident that a change in the plans must have occurred, and that the expedition must eventually have taken Sladen's road. The chief stronghold of the hostile Chinese partisan leader, Li-si-tai-hi, already spoken of was at Maphu, on this road, between Muangla and Nantin. From Nantin the road ascends rapidly by a series of stepped valleys to Momien which is estimated by Dr. Anderson to stand at 5,800 feet above the sea. The whole distance, as travelled by Sladen's party, was 120 miles from Bamo. On the way between Nantin and Momien a large exinct volcano (Ha-shuen-shan) is passed.

§§We have no account that I know of except meagre native itineraries, of the road beyond Momien. Yungchang-fu is reached in four marches of about 60 miles in all. It is alleged that the difficulties of the road become much greater beyond Momien, and this seems probable from the very aspect of the map. For here the road has to pass athwart that formidable fascia of great rivers, descending from the highlands of Tibet which give to the map of this region an aspect so unique in geography. Between Momien and Yangchang the Shweli and the Salween (the great river which enters the sea at Martaban) are crossed, the former by a suspension bridge, the letter by boat.

Yungchang-fu, the Wuncheng of the Burmese and Yongseng of the Shans, is the chief mart of Western Yunnan. It was the *Yachan* or *Unchan* of Marco Polo, and was in his time the seat of the Mongol garrison which occupied the country of the half civilized tribe whom he calls by the Persian name of *Zar-Landon*, or "Gold-teeth"; a tribe whose identity it has not yet been possible to ascertain satisfactorily. A road from Yungchang joins the Thein-ni route at Shunning-fu.

Tali-fu is distant from Yungchang about 112 miles by the Burmese itineraries, occupying six to eight marches. Marco Polo makes it five only, but, considering the nature of the country, they must have been very stiff ones. In this interval the great Mekong, and two other considerable rivers, are crossed by iron suspension bridges.

There is a route to Yungchang from the Irawady by the Shweli Valley, but I can find no information regarding it. Though the river is not navigable for any great distance, it is a large one, and, flowing as it does through a broad valley, one would expect it to afford facilities to a road. Yet we do not hear of it as one of the frequented trade-routes.

From Tali to the provincial capital Yunnan-fu is reckoned at twelve stages, and the Burmese itineraries make the distance about 200 miles. Yunnan-fu has been visited and described by Garnier. It suffered much in the Mahommedan insurrection, when its populous suburbs were entirely destroyed, though the *Panthay* never succeeded in capturing the city itself. It is, however, the natural centre and mart of a country abounding especially in mineral wealth, and has probably ere now regained much of its former population and prosperity. It stands at a height of 6,400 feet above the sea, on the shores of a great lake, not less than 70 or 80 miles in circumference.

Mr. Margary appears to have reached Yunnan-fu by a route through Kwei-chau, of which an account would have been most valuable, but it is scarcely to be supposed that his journals have been saved.

Whatever may be the destiny of the route of issue from Yunnan by the Tongking waters, of which the French have formed, with reason, so great expectations, at present the most important route from Yunnan-fu is that to Siuchau, the head of the Yangtse navigation. It is reckoned to form twenty-four stages.

Formerly there existed a very important trade-line from Yunnan to Canton, which involved little more than twenty days of land travelling; taking up the navigation of the southern or Nanning-fu branch of the Si-kiang or West River of Canton. The navigation commences at *Pe-se-p'u*, a place that I cannot indicate on the map, but which appears from Blot to be in the Seengen-fu department of Kwangsi The voyage thence to Canton is of twenty days, down stream. The road of late years, owing to the disorders in Kwangsi, has been entirely abandoned; but "the metals of Yunnan, the jade and gems of Burma, the musk of Tatsienlu, and many other articles of that remarkable through-trade which passed through Yunnan from west to east, went formerly by that route."* Returning to Tali, we find another important trade-route running, as straight as may be in such a country, from this to Chingtu-fu the capital of the vast and wealthy province of Szechwan It passes through the city of Ning-yuan-fu in a region, as yet utterly impenetrable to foreign travellers, at the head of the charming valley of Kienchang, which is undoubtedly, as Baron Richthofen has lately shown, the long-sought *Cainda* of Marco Polo. This road falls into the Tibetan official road from Chingtu to Bathang and L'hasa at the eighth stage from Chingtu. Richthofen attempted to travel this road, but after he had got successfully about half way to Ning yuen, the outrageous aggression of a body of Chinese troops and its consequences, compelled him not only to turn back but to abandon any renewal of the enterprise.

Another road from Tali leads north through Likiang-fu to Bathang on the Tibet road; indeed there are two lines, one on either side of the Yunte-kiang.

The road by which Francis Garnier and his party reached Tali-fu in the beginning of 1868, is apparently not a trade-line of importance. They started from Tongchuen in Northern Yunnan (latitude 26° 25′), where Captain Doudart de Lagrée was left ill, crossed and recrossed the great elbow of the Kinsha, or upper course of the Yangtse, and thence struck the upper end of the Tali Lake. As has been said before by the present writer, "a more daring enterprise of the kind has never been effected by a traveller since Colonel Pelly's ride to Riadth bears some resemblance to it."†

Let us now briefly recapitulate the travellers who in modern times have chiefly aided to augment our knowledge of the field we are treating of. I do not attempt to include the Romish Catholic missionaries, who are too numerous, but what they have contributed is not readily accessible; nor in good truth have they of late years effected much for geography in this field.‡

I begin with Blakiston and Rutledge, who were the first to reach the head of the Yangtse navigation, ascending by boat from Hankau in 1861.

The French expedition just alluded to after tracing the great Mekong upwards from the sea, entered on our field at Kiang Hung (or Xieng Hung) the capital of the Shan principality so-called, in latitude 22° 0′ which had been reached from Maulmain years before by Lieutenant now General, William Macleod. The French passed up through Southern Yunnan to the city of that name, and thence to Tong-chuen, as we have just mentioned. There their gallant leader died, in the absence of Garnier and his detachment. On the return of the latter the party proceeded, bearing the body of their comrade, to Siuchau, whence they descended the great Kiang.

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Major Sladen, Dr. Anderson, and Lieutenant Bowers reached Momien during the Mahommedan régime there from Bamo in May 1868, and were the first to cross the Chinese frontier in that quarter. This expedition, owing to circumstances needless to detail here, has by no means added so much as might have been hoped for to accurate geographical knowledge.

Messrs. Watson and Fedden, as has been said, had reached within some 20 miles of Thein-ni in 1865. Though travelling in a country previously unexplored these gentlemen have managed to make their reports in the highest degree difficult to read, and do not convey very clear impressions of the nature of the country. ‖

Baron Richthofens' bold attempt to travel to Tali, and its defeat, we have just recorded. It is but a small item in the record of his vast services in the scientific exploration of China.

Finally, Mr. Augustus Margary has achieved a memorable place in the history of geography by his journey accomplished from the China Sea to the Irawadi, via Kweichau, Yunnan-fu and Momien.

It would be scarcely reasonable to conclude this over hasty sketch without a few words as to the commercial objects of exploration in this quarter. That even in such objects the reward will be considerable I doubt not, but I confess that I have never been able to enter into the very sanguine expectations that some hold and largely propagate upon this subject. Nor do I see much to modify in words that I used four year ago in addressing the Geographical section of the British Association at Edinburgh on this question:—

"Many startling and inconsiderate statements appear in the memorials and other documents which have been addressed to Government on the subject of the new routes for trade with China, as for example, when the agitators of the question talk of thereby opening up a new trade for our country with 200 millions of people occupying extensive and rich portions of the earth, as if, forsooth, the trade and products of a vast and varied portion of the earth's surface, such as the human race in addition happens to be described by one name, as China, were like water in a lake, which may all possibly be drained dry if but tapped at a single point in one of its narrow creeks.

"The probability of a great attraction of China trade to the ports of Pegu, even if there were a good highway opened out to the Chinese frontier, depends, not on rhetorical statements about the vast population and products of that Celestial Empire, but (said here I will borrow a felicitous expression, which I remember to have been applied in India, by that admirable public servant the present governor of Jamaica, Sir John Peter Grant) on the question how the *undefined* of that produce shall be found to exist—a question on which I have never seen any great light thrown. As regards the important part of the export trade at least, we have to look to the province of Szechwan, which are in the main mountainous regions, but to Szechwan. I observe that Mr. Cooper, a sensible, and on this point quite unprejudiced observer, does consider that a large part of the produce of Szechwan would seek an outlet by the Irawadi, if Bhamo route were again open. Looking to the length of land-journey from the fertile portions of Szechwan to Bamo, this opinion certainly surprises me. . . . My own impression is that the Yangtse, in spite of all the difficulties of its upper reaches, as being free from the complications of a double frontier, and the anarchy of tribes imperfectly controlled, will carry to the sea, for many years to come, the produce of Szechwan and Central Yunnan, rather than that either of Burma or the Shan States."...

"What I think we may reasonably hope for is this:—First to see Western China tranquilized, and the old channel of trade restored and stimulated by the access of British steamers to Bamo; secondly from gradual but inevitable political change in our own relations to the Burmese Government, I should expect to see our own influence brought to act, either in the suppression of marauding, or in opening out by engineering the short road to the Chinese frontier, unhampered by such paltry obstacles as the intrigues of Burmese underlings, or the jealousies of Chinese traders; and I venture to think that our Government, as a general rule, need neither grudge the small cost of Surveys and such engineering as may be necessary, nor to oppose *some degree of pressure on native Governments to sanction such measures without which these governments are apt to think us not in earnest in our proposals.*"

These conclusions about the over-sanguine views of the promoters of the new routes were come to so reluctantly that I was almost sorry to see the views which I had expressed in 1871 afterwards so strongly and unconsciously corroborated by a traveller so sagacious and so accomplished as Baron Ferdinand von Richthofen. Look at his paper touching this subject, in *Ocean Highways* for January 1874. § I will extract but a few lines:—

"It is to be regretted that the expedition of Major Sladen, in 1868, which had to overcome so many difficulties and hardships, did not proceed further than Tang-yue-chan (Momien **) The real difficulties of the road commence east of that place. I have had to converse with several Chinese traders from Ningyuen-fu who had been over it. They spoke in the most impressive terms, accompanied by emphatic gestures, of the long and steep up-hill and down-hill country which must be travelled over in crossing, first the two branches of the Lan tsang-Kiang (or Mekong) and then the Lu-Kiang (or Salwen). . . To render the existing roads. . . available for any kind of modern means of transportation would involve an enormous expense. The engineering difficulties even of constructing a railway, although of terrible magnitude, might perhaps not be insuperable. But to justify such a gigantic enterprise the prospective profits should be equally gigantic. This would perhaps be the case if a continent occupied the place of the China Seas, and the commerce of China had to take its outlet by way of Bamo. But under existing circumstances, the attempt to divert the trade of Szechwan to Bamo would be equal to the attempt to make the waters of the Yangtsze flow up stream. ††

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† *Ocean Highways*, p, 406.

THE PRICE OF ART.

(Concluded from Wednesdays Bombay Gazette.)

Belton.—I suppose there were no boundaries to the extravagance of this madman. What did he not do that was wild and wicked?

Mallett.—He was perhaps a little more extravagant than the rest but not so very much. Almost any of them would crush a province to possess a cup. You think this price he paid for this Murrhine cup extravagant; what do you think of his paying £32,291 13s. 4d. for a carpet?

Belton.—I say with Mantelini, "Dem the 4d.!" What a price!

Mallett.—That is a mere bagatelle. Suetonius tells us that the grave Julius Cæsar gave for a single pearl sexagies sestertium—600,000 sesterces—£5,400. Alexander, according to Pliny, gave sixteen talents for his famous Bucephalus; and—open your eyes—Tacitus informs us that Nero gave away in presents to his friends "bis et vicies millies sestertium" which is about 19½ millions sterling.

Belton.—You take my breath away! On the whole I think better of Nero than I ever did before. A man or an emperor who gives away presents to that amount must at least have been generous.

Mallett.—There can be no doubt that he was generous, and, when the good fit was on him, amusing and spirited. What the patricians hated him for was not so much his crimes or his wild extravagances, as because he prided himself on being an artist, and acted on the stage, and drove in the public races, sang and danced in the theatre, fought in the arena, which they thought disgraced his own position as emperor and lowered their dignity. They little cared how much money he spent, and scarcely how many crimes he committed. There was always a ready excuse to be found for these—crime was too common, to be peculiar extravagance was universal. Even Seneca, with all his philosophy and moral sentences more than apologised for Nero's crimes—he defended them; nay he defended the very worst of them, the murder of his mother—if he did not even go farther and abet it as seems most probable. As for his lavishness of expenditure that was nothing. The very man they placed on his seat after the brief interval of Galba, was his boon companion in vice and luxury. Otho, when he came to the purple, himself owed £1,602,000. Besides, it was this very lavishness that rendered him popular with the Roman people. He won, at all events, their affections. He had infinitely more sympathies with them than the higher classes. It is curious that with all his love of athletic sports, of fighting and driving, and the excitement of the arena, he was not a coward, and most of his crimes seem to have been prompted by fear of those by whom he was surrounded. He was mortally afraid of his mother and he had every reason to be. She wished to be the head power of the state, and to use him as a puppet. With Britannicus the ability, the courage, and the twice the will of her son, she was always in his way. She menaced, flattered, and harassed him by turns, and at the last it would seem that of her drove him to compass her death. Utter strange combination of contradictory qualities. Generosity, cruelty, fear, recklessness, love of poetry, art, music, and all the æsthetic pursuits together with a coarseness of feeling, a violence of passion, a hardness of heart, and a savage thirst for bloody. Which was, even at that time, amazing. No one could count on him a moment. He was as variable in his moods as a feather to the wind. Sullen and moody, gay and volatile, timorous and cruel, superstitious and defiant by turns, he was at once a terror and a delight to his friends.

Belton.—In a word he was half mad. How strange it is that in all his early youth he should have been so tractable, even tender-hearted, and then suddenly should have changed into such violence and wickedness! The first sentence of death that was put before him he shrunk from signing, saying he wished he knew not how to write. He found no such difficulty in after-days. The tremendous power he had exercised by the Chinese to ratify punishment he enjoyed, seems to have turned his head. After all, his father's sneer at his birth was justified by his life. "What," he said to Agrippina, "can be born from us but a monster?"

Mallett.—One should always remember in considering Nero, that in history his crimes are as it were seen in perspective; and though really separated by considerable intervals, they there appeared crowded together and almost in one mass. Like pillars seen at a distance along a level road, they appear close to each other, though there really may be long spaces between them. Besides, they are so colossal in themselves that they overtop all else. They are the main features of his life, and dwarf everything else. To those who stood abreast of them, living along with them, they did not produce this effect. There were salient points occurring now and then, but diminished in effect by the daily flatness of ordinary occurrences, and obscured by a crowd of small, or events. His murders were nine days wonders, and in the intervals he occupied the minds of men with games and largesses, *panem et circenses*, and banquets, and songs, and comedies, and thus drew them away from the contemplation of his gross and revolting crimes by constant and enticing interests, otherwise it would have been impossible even for them to tolerate him. He looks to us as if his life were one mass of horrors—to them these horrors were only specks.

Belton.—Besides, we unconsciously judge his life by our own, and his actions by those which would be possible at the present day without taking into account the difference of habits, and principles, and ideas. His worst crime, depend upon it, had not the same aspect to them as to us.

Mallett.—He is a very interesting study, if one only had the time to give to him. But now let us consider him only on the side of extravagance. Think of his having expended in about 14 years, in presents only, the enormous sum of 19½ millions sterling.

Belton.—Let me see—if the Queen of England had given away, for the term of her reign, the entire sum appointed to her by the State, she would have expended only about two-thirds of this sum. Have you any other items of the extravagance of these Romans, or of their fortunes?

Mallett.—Yes, I have noted down a number of items showing how far behind them we are, for all we think we are extravagant in modern times. Who does not scold, for instance, at the money women lay out now upon their clothes—but what shall we say of Lollia Paulina, the rival of Agrippina, whose dresses alone were valued at £332 916?

Belton.—Impossible! That must have included at least her jewels.

Mallett.—No—not at all. Ah! you don't believe it? Listen, then, to what Pliny says—"I have seen Lollia (happy Pliny!—he saw her) on an occasion of no special solemnity, but at a plain citizen's bridal supper, all covered with pearls and emeralds, her hair and head-dress, ears, neck, and fingers, worth as much as 40 millions sesterces "—(that is, £312,500 worth of jewels on her person at a plain citizen's supper). "She was the style in which she came to witness the act of marriage. Nor were these mere tokens of a princely prodigal. They were the treasures of her grandsire, amassed from the spoil of provinces. Such was the end of all this rapine. Lollius suffered disgrace, and grief, by his own hand, that his grandaughter might blaze by lamplight in the splendour of forty millions."

Belton.—Well, her own end was even worse. Poor Lollia! She made a narrow miss of being empress; but Agrippina was too wily, and won the game. All her beauty, all her splendour of dress, and her luxury, and her wit, availed her little against her cruel rival. She perished miserably at last by violence, and in exile. I know no more revolting story than that which is related by Dion of Agrippina, who, after she had put Lollia to death, commanded the centurion to bring her the head of her rival; and she, to make sure that the ghastly face was really that of the beautiful woman whose life she had ruined, pushed up her dead lips to verify her by her death.

Mallett.—Ghastly! By the way, there is one book that I should like of all others to read—the memoirs which Agrippina is said to have written of her own life. What revelations it would make! what an insight it would give us into the interior life of Rome?

Belton.—Did she ever write such a book?

Mallett.—So it is said; but unfortunately it is lost, and so are those last books of Tacitus, which would have given us the end of Nero. It would have made a companion to his "Tiberius."

Belton.—What a picture he would have made of that! Not that I think his picture of Tiberius, powerful as it is, has any justification in fact. Tacitus studiously maligned Tiberius, and there would seem to be no warrant for this savage portrait. Tacitus was a partisan, and full of prejudice, and all his statements must be taken with considerable abatement. His account of the death of Nero is certainly a great loss. Still, Suetonius has given us an account so picturesque, so evidently true in all its details of those last terrible days of Nero, that for myself I doubt if Tacitus would have made it more real to me. He would have written it better; but the detail as told by Suetonius could not be improved.

Mallett.—Nero seems truly to have loved Poppæa, and no wonder, if it were possible for him to love anybody. She must have been a great beauty, and have possessed besides a peculiar charm of attraction. Her manners, it is admitted, despite the licentiousness of her life, were modest and gentle, and her wit was celebrated. To her might be applied that amusing statement of our American friend, who said of some one—after praising her beauty, and grace, and wit: "My dear fellow, she has only one defect—she has no principle." Her luxury was at least equal to that of Lollia; and when she travelled, she carried with her 500 she-asses, so that she might have her bath of milk every morning. Why not? She could afford it.

Belton—Do you know the so-called Clytie of the British Museum?

Mallett—Yes; and why is it supposed to represent Clytie?

Belton—Because there are the leaves of the sunflower around the bust; and the myth is that she was enamoured of Apollo, and was changed into the heliotrope, or sunflower.

Mallett—But why in this connection did you ask if I knew the bust?

Belton—Because I believe it is the portrait of Poppæa. It is plainly not an ideal bust, but a portrait; and even if it represents Clytie, it is a portrait of some real person in that character. It has none of the features, characteristics, or methods of treatment adopted by the ancients in their ideal heads, and it has a peculiar individuality of feature and expression. The workmanship is not Greek, but Roman, and belongs to the period of Nero or thereabouts. It strongly resembles in general character the portraits of Poppæa on the coins, and particularly a gem representing her, in the possession of the Earl of Exeter. In all of them the eyes are deep set, the orbit large, the chin full but slightly retreating, and the whole contour of the face similar. The forehead of the bust is low, as here was; the hair is worn in the Roman fashion of her time, and richly curls and waves as did her amber locks. The air of the head, modestly inclined and full of sentiment answers to the character and manner attributed to her by the ancient writers who say that she affected at least a retiring and modest demeanour. The leaves of the sunflower only indicate an apotheosis of the person represented, and this would properly belong to Poppæa; for Nero, distracted by her death, which he had brought about himself in a moment of violent passion, ordered that she should be enrolled among the gods, and himself wrote her funeral eulogy, and presided at her apotheosis. If the leaves be those of the sunflower as we call the heliotrope—which is not certain—there is also in this a peculiar appropriateness to Poppæa; for Nero called himself the son of Apollo from whom he received his golden locks; and as Poppæa loved him, died by his hands, and had herself the same golden amber hair, they might as fitly surround her bust as Clytie's. These among others are my reasons for supposing this bust to be the portrait of Poppæa.

Mallett.—They certainly have a great deal of weight. Has this ever been suggested?

Belton.—Not that I am aware of. But it is getting late, and you are not at the end of your notes, I see; pray let me have the rest.

Mallet.—I have only a few items more, and they chiefly refer to houses and real estates, which will indicate what were the probable fortunes of some of the Romans of position. Marcus Gabius Apicius, one of the three notorious gluttons, all of whom bore the same surname, after squandering a fortune on the pleasures of the table, left behind him in real estate over £ 807,000, so that had he lived he might have gone on eating for a considerable time longer, Marcus Licinius Crassus, who fought with Sulla against Marius in the Civil War, and who was so avid of money that nothing would satisfy his greed, possessed property in Britain in spite of it. When he was Consul with Pompey, for instance, he gave a public banquet to the people at which 10,000 tables were spread. He had immense numbers of slaves to whom he gave a good education and trained them to various arts, exploited to his own benefit their labours, in working his silver-mines, cultivating his farms, and practising numerous trades. His wealth must have been, according to all accounts, immense; but his real estate on his death was only valued at about £ 1,614,583, showing that the greater portion of his fortune was not in land.

Belton.—Poor Crassus! After all his victories and all his fortunes he met with a sad end. Defeat, if I remember right, overtook him somewhere in Mesopotamis—that soothing and religious word—in an encounter with the Parthians; and Orodes, the Parthian king, after cutting off his head, poured molten gold into his mouth, saying, "Sate thyself now with the metal of which in thy life thou wast so greedy." This was more wantonness of waste. I think I do not admire Orodes.

Mallett.—Then there was Pallas, the curled darling and lover of Agrippina, who was enormously rich, and to whom Juvenal alludes as a type of wealthy men in the line, "Ego possideo plus Pallanto et Licinio." He left a handsome estate in land—I speak only of land now—of some £2,921,875. Then there was Seneca the philosopher and moralist, who always preached the virtues of poverty and self-denial, and professed the virtues of Stoicism, who left about the same amount given to him in great part. I suppose, by Nero; and Lentulus, whose property amounted to about £3,229,166; and Isodorus, who disposed by will of 416 slaves, 3,660 yoke of oxen, and 257,000 other cattle. These were all fairly well off, one might say; but apparently Marcus Scaurus was superior to them all in wealth. His luxury and extravagance were amazing. One may judge of his wealth by a single fact. He at one time erected a temporary theatre for the people, which was only in use for a month. This theatre was of three storeys, supported on 360 columns. The first and principal storey was of marble; the second of glass, an unheard-of luxury in those days; and the third of gilded wood. The lowest columns were 38 feet in height, and between them were placed no less than 3,000 brass statues. Please to think of this for a moment: Here was a private man who could place 3,000 brass statues of his own in a temporary theatre, and from the height of the columns these statues must have been colossal or at least heroic in size, or they would have produced no effect. But to go on with the theatre. The area afforded accommodation for 80,000 spectators—nearly as many as the Colosseum; and the interior fittings, consisting of attalic vestments interwoven with gold tissue, and the embroideries, pictures, and stage properties, were of the most gorgeous character. When the theatre was abandoned, as it was in a month, such portions of the fittings and paraphernalia and ornament, &c., as were not required by him for his daily enjoyment in Rome, were carried to his villa in Tusculum. Shortly afterwards his servants burnt this villa out of revenge for some injury, and his loss by this fire was estimated at no less than 300 millions of sesterces, or £2,396,250. Now, can you imagine, therefore, what his total fortune amounted to.

Belton.—All I have to say is, that if they possessed such fortunes as these, I only wonder they did not pay a little more for pictures and statues. I begin to think that £ 20,000 for a statue has a character of meanness about it. I wonder they were not ashamed to offer such ridiculously small prices. But one question more: What has become of all this gold.

Mallett.—What becomes of pins? Where do the millions upon millions go that are manufactured every year? Where the gold went, in all probability. Still, I cannot but think that great quantities of gold still remain deposited in secret hiding places under ground—some of which chance may yet discover to us. It seems impossible that it can utterly have disappeared.

Belton.—And the pearls, emeralds, diamonds, and all the precious stones: where are they? Where are Lollia's forty millions? Where is Julius Cæsar's pearl?

Mallett.—Echo is the only authority on this question—and cries Where?

Belton.—Where are all these splendid statues of antiquity to whose care men were pledged with their lives? They have perished or disappeared as a stone in the sea, and no one knows when, how, or where. It is not possible that any of them still remain—buried out of sight—hidden in the earth.

Mallett.—I have little doubt of it, but the difficulty is to know where.

Belton.—Let us go and find them.

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